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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF

WESTMINSTER

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1915

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TOWN WARRANT

Worcester, ss.

*To either of the Constables of the Town of Westminster in the
County aforesaid,* GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Westminster, qualified to vote in Elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Westminster, on Monday the Sixth day of March 1916, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following Articles:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To hear the report of any committee chosen by the Town, and act thereon.

Art. 3. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year: also to vote by ballot, "Yes" or "No", on the question, "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town."

Art. 4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of schools, repairs of roads and bridges, public charities, pay of Town Officers, soldiers' relief, library, electric lights for streets, hall and fire station, miscellaneous and contingent expenses, and appropriate the same.

Art. 5. To see what compensation the Town will allow the Collector of Taxes the ensuing year, and determine the terms upon which they shall be collected or act relative thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow such sums of money in anticipation of revenue as may be necessary for the ensuing year.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to accept the list of Jurors as revised by the Selectmen, or act in relation thereto.

Art. 8. To choose all necessary committees for the ensuing year.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any sum of money for Post 69 G. A. R. to assist them in observing Memorial Day, and care of grounds around the monument or act thereon.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will choose an agent or agents to prosecute and defend all suits in behalf of the Town or act thereto.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the care of cemeteries or act relative thereto.

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the use of the fire department and to determine what compensation shall be paid to the enginemen, or act thereon.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any sum of money for the use of the board of health, or act relative thereto.

Art. 14. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the use of the tree warden, or act thereon.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any sum of money for the use of the moth superintendent in destroyings gypsy and browntail moths, or act relative thereto.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any sum of money for the purpose of furnishing bonds for treasurer and collector of taxes, or act thereon.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any sum of money for the care of the clock on the Baptist Church, or act thereon.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any sum of money to carry out the provisions of Chap. 502 of the Acts of 1906 in regard to Medical Inspection of Schools, or act in relation thereto.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will empower the collector of taxes to use all means for collecting taxes, which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed collector.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any sum of money for the purpose of laying the dust on Main Street, or act in relation thereto.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any sum of money for care of sidewalks in the Center Village in winter, or act thereon.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the purpose of assisting the Improvement Society to construct new walks in the village.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money towards restoring the Wyman fund so-called.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any sum of money to pay for survey made in North end School district.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to exchange one copy of Heywood's history of Westminster for a copy of History of Princeton.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars for a power sprayer in cooperation with the State Forestry Dept., or act relative thereto.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to build a School House in the Northerly part of the Town and choose a building committee for the same.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money to furnish Town Scales, or act thereon.

Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to install a street light on Brook Ave., or act thereon.

Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to install three street lights on the old Gardner road, or act thereon.

Art. 31. To see if the Town will vote to install one street light at the middle of Eliot Street and one on same street at State Road.

Art. 32. To see if the Town will vote to install street lights from Slaughter House to square near F. W. Fenno's cottage, or act thereon.

Art. 33. To see if the Town will vote to install two street lights on the Ashburnham road, or act thereon.

Art. 34. To see if the Town will vote to install two street lights on road leading from Charles H. Smith's residence to Old Common, or act thereon.

Art. 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for a revaluation of the Town, or act thereon.

Art. 36. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any sum of money for the suppression of Disorderly Houses, or act relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at each of the Public Meeting Houses in said Town, fourteen days, at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid. Given under our hands this nineteenth day of February in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

E. C. MANSUR
C. A. RAYMOND
F. H. BATTLES

Selectmen of Westminster

A true copy, Attest:

A. R. DURLING, Constable of Westminster.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1915

There were three town meetings held during the year 1915. (In the following reports of town meetings, it is a synopsis from the records of each meeting.)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Held March 1, 1915

Article 1. To choose a moderator.

Arno E. Hurd was chosen.

Art. 2. To hear the report of any committee chosen by the town and act thereon.

No reports made under this article.

Art. 3. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, also to vote by ballot, yes or no, on the question: "Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

The following is a list of officers chosen together with those whose term of office has not expired.

Town Clerk

Charles F. Giles

Treasurer

Frank W. Fenno

Selectmen

Ernest C. Mansur

Clifford A. Raymond

Frank H. Battles

Overseers of the Poor

Hobart Raymond

Cyrus T. Miller

Frank H. Battles

Assessors

Louie S. Miller was chosen for three years.

Wickliffe H. Waterhouse, term expires March, 1917.

Albert E. Gates, term expires March, 1916.

Road Commissioners

Amboy H. Proctor was chosen for three years.

John C. Goodridge, term expires March, 1917.

Wickliffe H. Waterhouse, term expires March, 1916.

School Committee

Lucius W. French was chosen for three years.

Charles L. Mansur, term expires March, 1917.

George L. Dawley, term expires March, 1916.

Library Trustees

Edith M. Griffin was chosen for three years.
 William C. McAllester was chosen for three years.
 Frank W. Fenno, term expires March, 1917.
 Almira L. Whitney, term expires March, 1917.
 Ellen M. Wright, term expires March, 1916.
 Cyrus T. Miller, term expires March, 1916.

Cemetery Commissioners

George W. Barnes was chosen for three years.
 Frank S. Parks, term expires March, 1917.
 Hobart Raymond, term expires March, 1916.

Auditors

Frank E. Miller

Frederick W. Mossman

Tax Collector

Windsor F. Neal

Constable

Alfred R. Durling

Tree Warden

Windsor F. Neal

Fence Viewers

Richard R. Atwood

Frank R. Murdock

Edward R. Flagg

Measurers of Wood, Lumber and Bark

Wesley Young
 Fred A. Goodridge,
 Myron E. Pierce,
 Edward R. Flagg,
 Charles H. Dupee,
 Leon Miller,

Walter H. Laws,
 Wickliffe H. Waterhouse,
 Marcus M. Newton,
 Amboy H. Proctor,
 Joseph E. Story,
 Arthur Merriam.

Field Drivers

John F. Ballou,

Fred C. Garvin

Liquor License Question

The result on the liquor license question was:

Yes, 34 (thirty-four).

No, 82 (eighty-two).

Art. 4. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of schools, repairs of roads and bridges, public charities, pay of Town Officers, soldiers' relief, electric lights for street, hall and engine hall, miscellaneous and contingent expenses and appropriate the same.

(Note.—In the following table appropriations under other articles are also included in order to show the total amount appropriated.)

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS, 1915

| | |
|--|---------|
| Schools | \$7,000 |
| Highways, including \$250 for Garvin road, | 3,850 |
| Public charities, | 1,200 |
| Town Officers, | 1,100 |
| Soldiers' relief, | 175 |
| Miscellaneous and contingent expenses | 1,200 |
| Electric lights, | 950 |

| | | |
|---------------|---|----------------|
| Art. 9. | Post 69, G. A. R. Memorial Day, etc., | 100 |
| Art. 11. | Cemeteries, | 300 |
| Art. 12. | Fire Department, | 700 |
| Art. 13. | Library, dog tax fund and | 400 |
| Art. 14. | Use of tree warden, | 200 |
| Art. 15. | Board of Health, | 300 |
| Art. 16. | Oiling Main Street, | 260 |
| Art. 17. | Bonds for Town Officers, | 90 |
| Art. 18. | Care of clock. | 20 |
| Art. 19. | Moth work, | 400 |
| Art. 20. | School Physician, | 50 |
| Art. 22. | Care of sidewalks, | 50 |
| Art. 23. | Restoring Wyman Water Fund, | 500 |
| Art. 24. | Electric lights, Old Gardner road, | 60 |
| Art. 28. | Aiding Improvement Society (sidewalks), | 100 |
| Art. 31. | Electric lights, Princeton road, | 60 |
| | Schoolhouse note, | 1,540 |
| Total amount, | | <hr/> \$20,605 |

Voted that the Town Treasurer's salary be increased to \$75 per year.

Art. 5. To see what compensation the Town will allow the collector of taxes the ensuing year, and to determine the terms upon which they shall be collected, or act anything relative thereto.

Voted that the tax collector be allowed one cent on each dollar collected, subject to the following conditions:

All discount abolished. All taxes paid after October 1st, 1915, shall pay six per cent per annum additional.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow such sums of money in anticipation of revenue as may be necessary for the ensuing year.

Voted that the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this note to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will accept the list of jurors as revised by the Selectmen, or act in relation thereto.

Voted to accept.

Art. 8. To choose all necessary committees for the ensuing year.

Voted and chose Ernest C. Mansur, Ernest Vieweg and Charles L. Smith as a committee to investigate the north part of the Town in regard to any proposed changes of town line and to report at a future town meeting.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any sum of money to Post 69, G. A. R., to assist them in the observance of Memorial Day and care of grounds around the monument, or act thereon.

Voted to raise and appropriate one hundred dollars.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will choose an agent or agents to prosecute and defend all suits in behalf of the Town, or act in relation thereto.

Voted, that the Selectmen act as such agents.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any sum of money for care of cemeteries, or act relative thereto.

Voted to raise and appropriate three hundred dollars.

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for use in the fire department, and to determine what compensation shall be paid to the engine men, or act relative thereto.

Voted to raise and appropriate \$700 for the use of the fire department. Voted to pay the firemen of both companies (except the nozzle men), five dollars apiece per year and the nozzle men ten dollars apiece and to pay twenty-five cents per hour for brush fires and still alarms for other fires.

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the maintenance of the public library, or act thereon.

Voted to allow the dog tax fund and to raise and appropriate four hundred dollars.

Art. 14. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the use of the tree warden, or act thereon.

Voted to raise and appropriate two hundred dollars.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any sum of money for the use of the Board of Health, or act relative thereto.

Voted to raise and appropriate three hundred dollars.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any sum of money for the purpose of laying the dust on the main street of the village, or act in relation thereto.

Voted to raise and appropriate two hundred and sixty dollars for the purpose of laying the dust on Main Street.

Art. 17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any sum of money for the purpose of furnishing bonds for treasurer and tax collector. or act thereon.

Voted to raise and appropriate ninety dollars for furnishing bonds for Town Officers.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any sum of money for care of the clock on the Baptist church, or act thereon.

Voted to raise and appropriate twenty dollars.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the use of the moth superintendent in destroying gypsy and brown-tail moths, or act in relation thereto.

Voted to raise and appropriate four hundred dollars.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any sum of money to carry out the provisions of Chapter 502 of the Acts of 1906.

Voted to raise and appropriate fifty dollars. (Relative to school physician.)

Art. 21. To see if the Town will empower the collector of taxes to use all means for collecting taxes which a town treasurer may use when appointed collector.

Voted to so empower.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate any sum of money for the care of sidewalks in the Center Village in winter, or act in relation thereto.

Voted to raise and appropriate fifty dollars.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money towards restoring the Wyman water fund, so called.

Voted to raise and appropriate five hundred dollars.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to install three electric lights on the old Gardner road. One near the bridge, one opposite telephone pole No. 12 and one near the residence of Mrs. Bell.

Voted to raise and appropriate sixty dollars.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to install one electric light on Bacon Street near the residence of Mr. Mansfield.

Voted to install.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to change the date of its annual town meeting.

Voted not to change, and that Selectmen meet last Saturday in months of January and February.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to allow gambling games of any kind on street, cattle show day, or act thereto.

Voted to pass the article.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars for the purpose of assisting the Improvement Society to construct new walks in the village.

Voted as stated in the article.

Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to choose a committee to oppose before the Legislature any change in the town lines or act anything relative thereto.

Voted and chose Hobart Raymond, Frank W. Fenno and W. H. Waterhouse.

Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to continue to support the indoor poor at the Charlton Poor Farm Association Plant, and choose the Overseers of the Poor, or some committee to carry such action into effect, or act anything relative thereto.

Voted that Overseers of Poor be authorized to sign papers to continue.

Art. 31. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to install an electric light near the slaughter house, one at Marshall's corner, one on the square near the cottage of F. W. Fenno and others from there to the Learned Corner on the Princeton Road or act anything relative thereto.

Voted to raise and appropriate sixty dollars to install lights near slaughter house and Marshall's Corner.

Art. 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate any sum of money for the purpose of supplying water for the Narrows school, also for a watering tub at the corner of the roads near the schoolhouse, or act anything relative thereto.

Voted to leave in the hands of Selectmen.

Art. 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred dollars for the purpose of enforcing the liquor laws, or act anything relative thereto.

Voted to pass the article.

Art. 34. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the flowage as maintained by William M. Roper on the Hubbardston Road so called, or take any action to put the road in a safe condition.

Voted that the Selectmen look into the matter and if necessary, to employ counsel and have it put in a satisfactory and safe condition.

Art. 35. To see if the Town will adopt the official ballot as provided by Sec. 364 and 365, Chap. 11 of the Revised laws or act in relation thereto.

Voted to pass over.

CHARLES F. GILES, *Town Clerk.*

STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

Held September 21, 1915

Polls were open from 6.00 to 8.00 o'clock P. M.

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|----|
| Republican vote for Governor: | | |
| Grafton D. Cushing of Boston, | | 18 |
| Eugene N. Foss of Boston, | | 4 |
| Samuel W. McCall of Winchester, | | 14 |
| Blanks | | 2 |
| | | — |
| Number of Republican ballots cast, | | 38 |
| Democratic vote for Governor: | | |
| Frederick S. Deitrick of Cambridge, | | 1 |
| David I. Walsh of Fitchburg, | | 7 |
| | | — |
| Number of Democratic ballots cast, | | 8 |

Progressive Party vote for Governor:

Nelson B. Clark of Beverly,

1

Republican Town Committee elected:

Frank R. Murdock

Lucius W. French

George L. Dawley

Frank A. Curtis

Democratic Town Committee elected:

Charles H. Dupee

Frank O. Clark

Leon W. Miller

William H. Griffin

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

CHARLES F. GILES, *Town Clerk.*

STATE ELECTION

Held November 2, 1915

The polls were open from 6.00 A. M. to 4.00 o'clock P. M.

Vote for Governor:

| | |
|---|-----|
| Nelson B. Clark (Progressive) three | 3 |
| Walter S. Hutchins (Socialist), two, | 2 |
| Samuel W. McCall (Republican), one hundred and fifty-one, | 151 |
| Peter O'Rourke (Socialist Labor), one | 1 |
| William Shaw (Prohibition), thirteen | 13 |
| David I. Walsh (Democratic), fifty-three | 53 |
| Blanks, four | 4 |

Total number of ballots cast,

227

Representative to General Court, Third Worcester District:

| | |
|--|-----|
| Aaron L. Potter of Holden, forty-five | 45 |
| Waterman L. Williams, of Holden, one hundred and forty-five, | 145 |

Amendment to the Constitution empowering the General Court to authorize the taking of land to relieve congestion of population and to provide homes for citizens.

| | |
|-----------------|----|
| Yes, ninety-one | 91 |
| No, sixty-nine | 69 |

Amendment to the Constitution enabling women to vote.

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Yes, fifty-eight | 58 |
| No, one hundred and fifty-three | 153 |

Amendment to the Constitution relative to the taxation of incomes and the granting of reasonable exemptions.

| | |
|------------------|----|
| Yes, ninety-four | 94 |
| No, fifty-nine | 59 |

At 6.00 o'clock P. M. voted to dissolve the meeting.

CHARLES F. GILES, *Town Clerk.*

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Held November 2, 1915

Article 1. To choose a moderator.

Frank W. Derby was chosen.

Art. 2. To hear the report of any committee chosen by the Town and act thereon.

E. C. Mansur made report for the committee chosen at March meeting, 1915, to investigate the North part of the Town in regard to any proposed changes of Town lines.

Report, in part, was as follows:

Out of nine residents who would be affected by a proposed change in the town line, three wanted to be set off to Fitchburg and six reported, at time of investigation, to be in favor of staying in Westminster.

Most of said residents thought there was need of a new school house in the District.

The total receipts from taxes in the district affected by the proposed change in town line for the year 1915 amounted to \$689.78, and the total expense to the town, including three per cent of the State, County and moth tax, expenses of school and highways, was estimated by the committee at \$818.97, showing a loss to the Town of \$129.19.

Voted to accept the report.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote at the meeting of March, 1915, choosing a committee to oppose annexation plans of William Hartnett and others, or act anything relative thereto.

Voted to dismiss the article.

Voted to dissolve the meeting.

CHARLES F. GILES, *Town Clerk.*

Births, Deaths and Marriages

For the year ending December 31, 1915

Note.—If any errors in names or dates are noticed, or any omissions, please inform the Town Clerk.

| | |
|---|----|
| Births recorded, twenty-six, | 26 |
| Deaths recorded, twenty-two, | 22 |
| Marriages recorded, nine, | 9 |
| Brought into town for burial (non-resident), sixteen, | 16 |

BIRTHS

| Date 1915 | Name of Child. | Name of Parents |
|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Jan. 13. | Edwin Armas Wirta | Jacob and Sophie |
| Feb. 1. | Wilja Walfrid Friberg | John A. and Elizabeth |
| Feb. 22. | Ralph Edward Mansur | Leon E. and Maud R. |
| Feb. 23. | William August Leighton | Elmer F. and Fannie |
| Mar. 7. | Phillip Ernest Brunell | Henry and Sarah |
| Mar. — | _____ | _____ |
| Mar. 27. | Esther Maria Bjorson | August and Ellen |
| April 6. | Gertrude Dency Paine | Howard L. and Dency |
| April 26. | George Herbert Coleman | Herbert J. and Grace G. |
| June 27. | Antonia Arcangeli | Luigi and Pierena |
| July | _____ | _____ |
| July | _____ | _____ |
| July 18. | (daughter) Kalustian | Satrag and Zarootu |
| Aug. 27. | Hudson George Harvey | Homer H. and Mary E. |
| Sept. 5. | Dora Adeline Smith | Ernest E. and Katie E. |
| Sept. 14. | George Westley Hawksworth | George W. and Nettie B. |
| Sept. 20. | Mona Eileen Merritt | Edward and Mabel L. |
| Sept. 21. | Gladys Pauline Hartwell | Porter P. and Ethel L. |

| Date | Name of Child | Names of Parents |
|----------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Oct. 9. | Mary Willihemia Amelia King | Alfred and Mary W. |
| Oct. 19. | Barbary Whitman Howard | Nathan D. and Celina |
| Oct. 22. | Harry Richard Lyman | Reginald and Flora |
| Oct. 23. | Donald Eli Merriam | Arthur E. and Lila M. |
| Oct. 24. | Elsie May Beard | Benjamin H. and Ida C. |
| Dec. 10. | Harold William Buckman | William and Lena |
| Dec. 19. | Jennie Arcangeli | Giacomo and Matilda |
| Dec. 21. | Joseph Harry Dennie | Philias and Axlina |

DEATHS

| Date | | Yrs. | Mos. | Days |
|-----------|---------------------------|------|------|------|
| 1915 | | | | |
| Jan. 25. | Harriet (Livingston) Syme | 68 | 9 | 8 |
| Feb. 13. | Joseph Hager | 91 | 10 | 22 |
| Feb. 16. | George W. Eaton | 69 | 3 | 24 |
| Feb. 16. | Stillman Whitney | 81 | 10 | 5 |
| Mar. 2. | William Eaton | 93 | 1 | |
| Mar. 6. | Lewis M. Hicks | 50 | 11 | 25 |
| Mar. | (Infant) | | | |
| Mar. 23. | Peter J. Dyer | 41 | 5 | 24 |
| April 5. | Charles M. Miller | 66 | 8 | 11 |
| April 27. | Grace E. (Carr) Coleman | 38 | 1 | 13 |
| June 10. | Aldin F. Adams | 78 | 4 | 12 |
| July | (Infant) | | | |
| July | (Infant) | | | |
| July 16. | Nellie (Borey) Blake | 40 | 2 | 2 |
| Aug. 23. | John L. Buckman | 54 | 11 | |
| Aug. 26. | Mary A. (Eacott) Mossman | 61 | 7 | 29 |
| Sept. 9. | Esther (L'Ecuier) Vincent | 76 | 2 | 21 |
| Nov. 17. | William Morrison | 38 | | |
| Nov. 30. | John C. Goodridge | 70 | 6 | 27 |
| Dec. 1. | Emma A. Estey | 67 | 8 | 7 |
| Dec. 2. | Donald E. Merriam | | 1 | 9 |
| Dec. 28. | George W. Hawksworth, Jr. | | 3 | 14 |

MARRIAGES

| Date and place of marriage 1915 | | Residence |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| May 29, | Charles I. Willis, | Westminster |
| Winchendon, | Lola I. Mathers, | Westminster |
| June 1, | Allan E. Holmes, | Westminster |
| Fitchburg, | Estella A. Edwards, | Fitchburg |
| June 25, | Arthur K. Rice, | Westminster |
| Fitchburg, | Sadie B. Rice, | Westminster |
| Aug. 14, | Frank N. Fisk, | Worcester |
| Brattleboro, Vt. | Mattie L. Newton, | Westminster |
| Aug. 21, | Percival J. Rees, | Winchendon |
| Westminster | Edna R. McAllister | Winchendon |
| Oct. 12, | Stanley G. Joslin, | Webster |
| Fitchburg, | May E. Rice, | Westminster |
| Oct. 20, | Edward A. Taylor, | Westminster |
| Fitchburg, | Rosie M. Matthews, | Fitchburg |
| Nov. 3, | Richard L. Creesy, | Westminster |
| Westminster, | Pauline A. Upham, | Westminster |
| Nov. 8, | Gabrail Leino, | Westminster |
| Fitchburg, | Hilma Markanen, | Gardner |

BROUGHT INTO TOWN FOR BURIAL (Non-resident)

| Date | | Yrs. Mos. Days | | | |
|-----------|-----------------------|----------------|----|----|----------------|
| 1915 | | | | | |
| Jan. | Clara M. Jackson, | | | | Elgin, Ill. |
| Feb. 12. | Walter E. Ellis, | 52 | 7 | 21 | Pembroke |
| Feb. 21. | Elizabeth B. Merriam, | 77 | 8 | 24 | Fitchburg |
| Mar. 19. | Sarah A. Parker, | 78 | 1 | 20 | Worcester |
| Apr. 3. | Wallace Cheney, | 82 | 8 | 29 | Framingham |
| Apr. 10. | Helen M. H. Whitman, | 89 | 9 | 27 | Brooklyn, N.Y. |
| Apr. 26. | Mary J. Taylor, | 51 | 9 | 16 | Leominster |
| July 7. | (Infant), | | | | Leominster |
| July 13. | Herbert W. Kendall, | 55 | 3 | 7 | Boston |
| July 15. | Carrie M. Washer, | 60 | 7 | 11 | Fitchburg |
| July 25. | Rebecca L. Rolph, | 88 | 8 | 26 | Athol |
| Aug. 2. | Nellie F. Carter, | 52 | 5 | 25 | Concord, N.H. |
| Sept. 25. | Mabel N. Baker, | 14 | 8 | 24 | Leominster |
| Oct. 28. | Almira J. Hall, | 62 | 11 | 16 | Derry, N. H. |
| Nov. 17. | Melissa J. Borey, | 72 | 8 | 6 | Athol |
| Dec. 9. | Ada M. Wheeler, | 74 | 3 | 4 | Pigna, Ohio |

DOG LICENSE ACCOUNT

Licenses have been issued to the following persons:

| | | | |
|----------------------|--------|------------------------|--------|
| Baker, L. E., | \$2 00 | Donaldson, Alexander, | \$2 00 |
| Barrett, Ernest, | 2 00 | Donovan, John (6), | 21 00 |
| Barrett, Louis, | 2 00 | Durling, A. R. (2), | 7 00 |
| Bassett, Lysander, | 2 00 | Earl, Harry, | 5 00 |
| Bassett, Walter, | 5 00 | Estabrook, C. F., | 2 00 |
| Battles, Roger (2), | 4 00 | French, Cora D., | 2 00 |
| Beard, Benjamin, | 2 00 | Gates, A. E., (2), | 4 00 |
| Bell, Francis, | 2 00 | Gates, J. B. (2), | 4 00 |
| Bentley, E. O., | 2 00 | Gilligan, Thomas, | 2 00 |
| Berghoist, August, | 2 00 | Goguen, Louis, | 2 00 |
| Bjorson, August, | 2 00 | Gove, Alfred, | 2 00 |
| Black, H. W., | 2 00 | Griffin, E. M., | 2 00 |
| Brackett, E. R. (2), | 10 00 | Hamilton, C. H. (2), | 4 00 |
| Brewer, R. W., | 2 00 | Hanks, Henry, | 2 00 |
| Buckman, John L., | 2 00 | Harris, G. H., | 2 00 |
| Burns, D. J. (2), | 4 00 | Harris, John, | 5 00 |
| Card, Richard, | 2 00 | Hartnett, W. E., | 2 00 |
| Carey, John, | 2 00 | Harvey, Myron E., Jr., | 5 00 |
| Carpenter, F. N., | 5 00 | Hetu, Peter, | 2 00 |
| Ceder, Matti, | 2 00 | Hodge, C. L., | 2 00 |
| Centerbar, L. R., | 2 00 | Holland, T. H., | 2 00 |
| Christian, Pauline, | 2 00 | Holmes, Rufus, | 2 00 |
| Conant, Otto, | 2 00 | Howard, Albert, | 2 00 |
| Cotton, John (2), | 7 00 | Horin, Martha, | 2 00 |
| Cowdry, Wilfred, | 2 00 | Houghton, C. C. (2), | 4 00 |
| Curtis, Frank (2), | 4 00 | Hurley, C. H., | 2 00 |
| Damon, E. C., | 2 00 | Johnson, Isaac, | 2 00 |
| Davis, G. M., | 2 00 | Johnson, Robert, | 2 00 |
| Dawley, C. B., | 5 00 | Kelty, Lester, | 2 00 |
| Dawley, G. L. (2), | 4 00 | King, Alfred, | 2 00 |
| Derby, Ruth L., | 5 00 | Kumara, Hjalmer, | 5 00 |

| | | | |
|----------------------|------|-------------------------|------|
| LaFortune, Arthur, | 2 00 | Prescott, E. C., | 2 00 |
| Lantz, Richard, | 2 00 | Rameau, Cyril, | 5 00 |
| Laws, W. H. (2), | 4 00 | Ray, F. J., | 2 00 |
| Legeyt, W. W., | 2 00 | Ray, Hiram, | 2 00 |
| Leighton, Elmer, | 2 00 | Reynolds, Louis, | 2 00 |
| Leonard, M. O., | 2 00 | Rhodes, G. O., | 5 00 |
| Lovelace, F. H., | 2 00 | Rice, Florence, | 5 00 |
| Mansfield, C. E., | 5 00 | Richardson, Emma, | 2 00 |
| Mansur, E. C., | 2 00 | Roby, Mrs. E. C., | 2 00 |
| Mansur, Herbert, | 2 00 | Root, Thomas, | 2 00 |
| Marshall, Julia, | 2 00 | Sanderson, H. L., | 2 00 |
| Marchand, Joseph, | 2 00 | Sargent, G. A., | 5 00 |
| McKay, Alexander, | 5 00 | Sawyer, S. A., | 2 00 |
| Miller, Adam, | 2 00 | Smith, E. E., | 2 00 |
| Miller, E. R., | 2 00 | Smith, E. T., | 2 00 |
| Miller, Harry, | 2 00 | Smith, F. S., | 2 00 |
| Miller, Leon, | 5 00 | Smith, J. H., (2), | 4 00 |
| Miles, N. A., (2), | 7 00 | Smith, Eva, | 2 00 |
| Mills, Samuel, | 2 00 | Smith, S. N., | 5 00 |
| Mirick, Thurston G., | 2 00 | Stanbridge, Richard, | 2 00 |
| Morse, Lucy L., | 2 00 | Stone, A. L., | 2 00 |
| Mossman, F. W., | 2 00 | Story, J. E., | 2 00 |
| Newell, Fred I., | 5 00 | Syme, D. B. (2), | 4 00 |
| Newton, M. M., | 2 00 | Towle, C. D., | 2 00 |
| Nyman, Matti, | 5 00 | Vieweg, Ernest (2), | 4 00 |
| Page, C. E., | 2 00 | Viganotti, John, | 2 00 |
| Page, C. H., | 2 00 | Vincent, F. W., | 2 00 |
| Parcher, F. G., | 2 00 | Waterhouse, W. H., (4), | 8 00 |
| Parcher, Orrin, | 5 00 | Webber, E. O., | 2 00 |
| Parker, Lee, | 2 00 | White, C. H., | 2 00 |
| Peeler, Anna, | 2 00 | Whitney, M. D., | 2 00 |
| Peeler, Chas. D., | 5 00 | Whitney, Harold, | 2 00 |
| Percy, W. F., | 2 00 | Wiswell, G. F., | 2 00 |
| Perkins, Bernard, | 2 00 | Wuth, Emil, | 2 00 |
| Pierce, M. E., | 2 00 | Young, W. W., | 2 00 |

Total amount received,

\$396 00

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| Less fees, | 31 20 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$364 80 |
| Amount in hands of clerk Jan. 1, 1915, | 4 80 |
| | <hr/> |
| Amount sent to County Treasurer, | \$369 60 |

CHARLES F. GILES, *Town Clerk.*

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

For the Financial Year Ending Dec. 31, 1915

Paid Town Officers

| | |
|-----------------|---------|
| Town Clerk, | \$40 00 |
| Town Treasurer, | 75 00 |

SELECTMEN

| | | |
|----------------|---------|----------|
| E. C. Mansur, | \$75 00 | |
| C. A. Raymond, | 75 00 | |
| F. H. Battles, | 75 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$225 00 |

ASSESSORS

| | | |
|-------------------|---------|----------|
| Louis S. Miller, | \$65 00 | |
| Albert E. Gates, | 65 00 | |
| W. H. Waterhouse, | 65 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$195 00 |

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

| | | |
|-----------------|---------|---------|
| Hobart Raymond, | \$44 80 | |
| C. T. Miller, | 22 00 | |
| F. H. Battles, | 22 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$88 80 |

CONSTABLES

| | | |
|--------------------|----------|----------|
| A. R. Durling, | \$210 95 | |
| D. A. Peeler, | 54 75 | |
| Timothy Leamy, | 6 00 | |
| B. W. Vradenburgh, | 6 00 | |
| Wm. R. Clark, | 6 00 | |
| Wm. Waxlax, | 6 00 | |
| A. H. Proctor, | 2 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$291 70 |

MODERATOR

| | |
|---------------|--------|
| Arno E. Hurd, | \$5 00 |
|---------------|--------|

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

| | |
|-------------|----------|
| W. F. Neal, | \$104 21 |
|-------------|----------|

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

| | | |
|-----------------|--------|---------|
| F. A. Miller, | \$6 87 | |
| Geo. W. Bruce, | 7 75 | |
| F. M. Sawyer, | 7 75 | |
| Chas. G. Giles, | 9 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$31 37 |

ELECTION OFFICERS

| | | |
|--------------------------------|--------|---------|
| March Meeting, | \$6 00 | |
| November Primary and Election, | 16 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$22 00 |

AUDITORS, 1914

| | | |
|----------------|---------|---------|
| F. E. Miller, | \$12 00 | |
| F. W. Mossman, | 12 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$24 00 |

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|----------------|------------|
| Forest Warden, | \$25 00 |
| Total, | \$1,127 08 |
| Appropriation, | \$1,100 00 |
| Overdrawn, | \$27 08 |

SCHOOLS

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Geo. L. Dawley, Treas., | \$9,651 07 |
|-------------------------|------------|

Appropriation \$7,000.00 and amounts due from State.

SUPPORT OF POOR

| | |
|----------------|------------------|
| Outside Poor, | \$1,330 44 |
| Indoor Poor, | 236 63 |
| | <hr/> \$1,567 07 |
| Appropriation, | \$1,200 00 |
| Overdrawn, | <hr/> \$367 07 |

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

| | |
|------------------|------------------|
| Opening Roads, | \$271 20 |
| Highway Repairs, | 3,350 99 |
| | <hr/> \$3,622 19 |
| Appropriation, | \$3,600 00 |
| Overdrawn, | <hr/> \$22 19 |

FIRE DEPARTMENT

| | |
|---|----------------|
| For Details see Report of Fire Engineers, | \$993 63 |
| Appropriation, | 700 00 |
| Overdrawn, | <hr/> \$293 63 |

CEMETERIES

| | |
|---|----------|
| Appropriation, | \$300 00 |
| For Details see Report of Cemetery Commissioners, | 271 33 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance, | \$28 67 |

FORBUSH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

| | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| For Details see Report of Trustees, | \$939 58 |
| Appropriation \$400.00 and Dog Tax. | |

BOARD OF HEALTH

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Appropriation, | \$300 00 |
| For Details see Report. | 256 65 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance, | \$43 35 |

SOLDIERS' RELIEF

| | |
|----------------|----------|
| Appropriation, | \$175 00 |
| Chas. Barber, | 166 18 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance, | \$8 82 |

ELECTRIC LIGHTS

| | | |
|----------------------|----------|-----------|
| Appropriation, | | \$1070 00 |
| Street Lights, | \$860 77 | |
| Hall Lights, | 47 64 | |
| Fire Station Lights, | 9 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$917 41 |
| Balance, | | \$152 59 |

TREE WARDEN

| | |
|----------------|----------|
| Appropriation, | \$200 00 |
| W. F. Neal, | 195 80 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance, | \$4 20 |

MOTH WORK

| | |
|---|------------|
| Geo. A. Sargent, | \$1,755 20 |
| Appropriation \$400.00 and amount due from State. | |
| Appropriation for Sidewalks, | 100 00 |
| Geo. W. Barnes, Treas. Improvement Society, | 100 00 |

HIGHWAY REPAIRS

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Appropriation, | \$250 00 |
| Contributed by A. Hunt, | 25 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$275 00 |
| W. H. Waterhouse, | \$274 40 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance, | \$ 60 |

OPENING SIDEWALKS

| | |
|------------------------|---------|
| Appropriation, | \$50 00 |
| J. C. Goodridge & Son, | 47 99 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance, | \$2 01 |

OILING MAIN STREET

| | |
|------------------|----------|
| J. C. Goodridge, | \$269 67 |
| Appropriation, | 260 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Overdrawn, | \$9 67 |

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF SCHOOLS

| | |
|----------------------|---------|
| Geo. Mossman, M. D., | \$50 00 |
| Appropriation, | 50 00 |

MEMORIAL DAY EXPENSES

| | |
|---------------------|----------|
| Jas. S. Harrington, | \$100 00 |
| Appropriation, | 100 00 |

CARE OF CLOCK ON BAPTIST CHURCH

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---------|
| F. A. Merriam, Treas. 1914 and 1915, | \$40 00 |
| Appropriation, | 20 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Overdrawn, | \$20 00 |

BONDS FOR TOWN OFFICERS

| | |
|----------------|---------|
| Treasurer, | \$40 00 |
| Appropriation, | 90 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance, | \$50 00 |

STATE AID

| | |
|----------------------|---------|
| Henry H. Daisy, | \$66 00 |
| James D. Deloa, | 48 00 |
| James M. Eaton, | 72 00 |
| Edward C. Estabrook, | 72 00 |
| Leroy A. Howe, | 72 00 |
| Thomas H. Holland, | 72 00 |
| Chas. S. Knight, | 36 00 |
| Thomas Marsh, | 72 00 |
| William E. Rice, | 48 00 |
| Sanford A. Sawyer, | 72 00 |
| Edward Sharon, | 72 00 |

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| Moses A. Wood, | 72 00 |
| Alonzo D. Wheeler, | 48 00 |
| William H. Whitney, | 72 00 |
| Abbie A. Whitney, | 48 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$942 00 |

MISCELLANEOUS AND CONTINGENT

| | | |
|-----------|---|---------|
| Jan. 30. | Jas. S. Harrington, janitor at Hall, | \$10 50 |
| | C. E. Barron, 500 stamped envelopes, | 10 62 |
| Feb. 27. | Geo. W. Barnes, expenses to Sealers' Convention, | 2 00 |
| | Jas. S. Harrington, repairs at Hall, | 1 00 |
| | Jas. S. Harrington, janitor at Hall, | 10 50 |
| | Dr. C. M. Kelly, returning 3 births, | 75 |
| Mar. 27. | Meals Printing Co., printing Town Reports, etc., | 121 53 |
| | Jas. S. Harrington, janitor at Hall, | 10 50 |
| | Jas. S. Harrington, sawing and storing wood, | 5 00 |
| | J. C. Goodridge & Son, wood and lumber for Hall, | 2 18 |
| | M. D. Whitney, inspection of Animals, | 52 36 |
| April 24. | Judson Foster, wood for Hall, | 25 00 |
| | P. B. Murphy, stationery for Assessors, | 1 45 |
| | Jas. S. Harrington, services as janitor, | 10 50 |
| May 29. | C. E. Barron, insurance, Schools 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10, | 63 79 |
| | Jas. S. Harrington, janitor at Hall, | 10 50 |
| | Jas. S. Harrington, labor and material, Hall grounds, | 5 45 |
| | W. & L. E. Gurley, supplies for Sealer, | 3 60 |
| | Carter Ink Co., $\frac{1}{4}$ doz. bottles ink, | 38 |
| | C. M. Kelley, M. D., returning births, | 1 25 |
| | L. S. Miller, looking up titles, | 3 20 |
| | Leon M. Miller, painting engine house, | 45 75 |
| | Leon M. Miller, painting Hall, | 65 25 |

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| | Leon M. Miller, painting Hall, | 15 00 |
| | Miller Bros., paint, etc., for engine house, | 50 42 |
| | Baker & Baker, drawing contract for water right, | 3 00 |
| June 26. | C. E. Barron, insurance, School 1, | 88 42 |
| | Westminster Aqueduct Co., water for Hall, | 9 00 |
| | Jas. S. Harrington, janitor at Hall, | 10 50 |
| | Gardner Electric Light Co., 10 lamps for Hall, | 3 80 |
| July 31. | Arno E. Hurd, repairing ceiling G. A. R. Hall, | 5 00 |
| | Meals Printing Co., printing for Highway and Fire Departments, | 3 00 |
| | Jas. S. Harrington, janitor at Hall, | 10 50 |
| | Chas. L. Mansur, labor and supplies G.A.R. Hall, | 115 40 |
| | C. M. Kelley, M. D., recording births, | 50 |
| Aug. 28. | Webber Lumber & Supply Co., flooring for Hall, | 98 91 |
| | Jas. S. Harrington, janitor at Hall, | 10 50 |
| | F. A. Merriam, mowing grass on Common, | 2 50 |
| | M. E. Pierce Co., work on chimney of engine house, | 5 00 |
| Sept. 25. | The G. M. Parks Co., pipe for Wyman spring, | 35 94 |
| | J. C. Goodridge & Son, labor and material for Wyman spring, | 30 33 |
| | Fitchburg Hardware Co., cement and pipe for Wyman spring, | 10 15 |
| | F. H. Battles, labor and material for Wyman spring, | 57 31 |
| | J. C. Goodridge & Son, lumber for Hall, | 31 |
| | Jas. S. Harrington, janitor at Hall, | 10 50 |
| | Jas. S. Harrington, labor at Hall, | 11 45 |
| | F. R. Murdock, inspection of animals, | 9 20 |
| | Miller Bros., supplies for Hall, | 3 09 |
| | C. L. Mansur, labor and material at Hall, | 7 35 |
| | Simonds & Dutton, laying floor G.A.R. Hall, | 53 50 |
| Oct. 30. | H. E. Remington & Co., order book for Se- lectmer | 9 34 |

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| H. E. Remington & Co., books for collector, | 15 50 |
| Frank H. Battles, painting at Wyman spring, | 3 50 |
| Hobbs & Warren Co., book for contagious diseases, | 4 14 |
| Miller Bros., supplies for Hall, | 3 30 |
| S. Harrocks, P. M., envelopes for Town Clerk | 10 62 |
| Jas. S. Harrington, janitor at Hall, | 10 50 |
| C. M. Kelley, M. D., returning births, | 75 |
| Nov. 27. Jas. S. Harrington, janitor at Hall, | 10 50 |
| Geo. W. Barnes, repairing clock at Hall, | 50 |
| Geo. Mossman, M. D., returning births, | 50 |
| Dec. 31. Arno E. Hurd, repairing ceiling at Hall, | 2 25 |
| E. C. Mansur, stationery, expenses, etc., | 7 00 |
| L. S. Miller, postage, telephone, etc., | 3 00 |
| F. R. Murdock, inspection of animals, | 7 20 |
| Hobart Raymond, returning deaths and burials, | 9 00 |
| Geo. W. Barnes, Sealers' expenses, | 34 06 |
| Jas. S. Harrington, janitor at Hall, | 10 50 |
| Boston Nickel Plating Co., weights for Sealer, | 6 45 |
| Chas. F. Giles, stationery and misc., | 19 38 |
| F. W. Fenno, postage and misc., | 1 56 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,293 19 |
| Appropriation, | 1,200 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Overdrawn, | \$93 19 |

RECAPITULATION

| | |
|------------------|------------|
| Town Officers, | \$1,127 08 |
| Schools, | 9,651 07 |
| Indoor Poor, | 236 63 |
| Outside Poor, | 1,330 44 |
| Opening Roads, | 271 20 |
| Highway Repairs, | 3,350 99 |
| Fire Department, | 993 63 |

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|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Cemeteries, | 271 33 |
| Forbush Memorial Library, | 939 58 |
| Board of Health, | 256 65 |
| Soldiers' Relief, | 166 18 |
| Electric Lights for Streets, | 860 77 |
| Electric Lights for Hall, | 47 64 |
| Electric Lights for Fire Station, | 9 00 |
| Tree Warden, | 195 80 |
| Moth Work, | 1,755 20 |
| Sidewalks, | 100 00 |
| Bonds for Town Officers, | 40 00 |
| Highway Repairs, | 274 40 |
| Care of Sidewalks, | 47 99 |
| Oiling Main Street, | 269 67 |
| Medical Inspection of Schools, | 50 00 |
| Memorial Day Expenses, | 100 00 |
| Care of Clock, | 40 00 |
| State Aid, | 942 00 |
| Miscellaneous and Contingent, | 1,293 19 |
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| Total of 460 orders drawn, | \$24,620 44 |

The Selectmen recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Schools, | \$7,000 00 |
| Highways, | 3,000 00 |
| Public Charities, | 1,400 00 |
| Town Officers, | 1,100 00 |
| Soldiers' Relief, | 200 00 |
| Miscellaneous and Contingent, | 1,200 00 |
| Fire Department, | 700 00 |
| Public Library, | 400 00 |
| Electric Lights, | 1,000 00 |
| Cemeteries, | 300 00 |
| Board of Health, | 300 00 |
| Tree Warden, | 200 00 |

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|--------------------------|--------|
| Moth Work, | 400 00 |
| Memorial Day, | 100 00 |
| Bonds for Town Officers, | 90 00 |
| School Physician, | 50 00 |
| Care of Clock, | 20 00 |

LIST OF JURORS

| | |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Cyrus Miller, Grocer, | Edgar E. Fenno, Grocer. |
| Myron E. Pierce, Chair Mfr. | Sherman Rice, Carpenter. |
| Edward Merritt, Electrician, | Edward B. Lynde, Butcher. |
| Arthur W. Nye, Clerk. | Frank W. Fenno, Bank Cashier |
| Frank E. Kelty, Baker. | Frank H. Battles Lumber Dealer. |
| Geo. L. Dawley, Cracker Mfr. | Charles L. Hodge, Farmer. |
| Charles F. Bolton, Retired. | Nathan D. Howard, Farmer. |
| Arno E. Hurd, Farmer. | Carl Black, Farmer. |

E. C. MANSUR,
C. A. RAYMOND,
F. H. BATTLES,

Selectmen Town of Westminster.

Examined and approved.

F. E. MILLER,
F. W. MOSSMAN.
Auditors.

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

For the Year Ending December 31, 1915

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHARLTON POOR FARM ASSOCIATION

From January 1, 1915, to January 1, 1916

EXPENDITURES

| | |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Orin L. Potter and wife, | \$650 00 |
| Outside labor, | 309 05 |
| Inside Labor, | 417 06 |
| Groceries, | 1,649 79 |
| Meat, | 414 70 |
| Hardware, | 68 25 |
| Dry Goods and Clothing, | 364 86 |
| Boots and Shoes, | 86 63 |
| Grain, | 1,362 63 |
| Blacksmithing, | 46 40 |
| Tobacco, | 73 30 |
| Stock, | 184 50 |
| Sleigh, | 25 00 |
| Filling ice-house, | 38 50 |
| Filling Silo, | 77 60 |
| Phosphate, | 128 25 |
| Miscellaneous, | 483 89 |
| Furniture, | 72 93 |
| Tools and Seeds, | 118 61 |

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|----------------------------------|--------|------------|
| Medicine and Medical Attendance, | 13 43 | |
| Fish and Oysters, | 42 97 | |
| Printiug, | 15 00 | |
| Coal, | 317 32 | |
| Oil, | 12 40 | |
| Painting Wagons, | 9 00 | |
| Rent and Interest, | 585 96 | |
| | <hr/> | \$7,568 03 |

RECEIPTS

| | | |
|----------------|------------|------------|
| Milk, | \$2,087 75 | |
| Stock, | 661 83 | |
| Eggs, | 73 18 | |
| Potatoes, | 19 58 | |
| Hay, | 40 00 | |
| Miscellaneous, | 31 50 | |
| Outside Labor, | 197 86 | |
| | <hr/> | \$3,111 70 |

ASSESSMENTS

| | | |
|--------------|-------|----------|
| Charlton, | 44 70 | |
| Holden, | 57 59 | |
| Princeton, | 46 03 | |
| Oakham, | 11 40 | |
| Hardwick, | 90 09 | |
| Millbury, | 99 61 | |
| Sterling, | 39 40 | |
| Holland, | 3 60 | |
| Paxton, | 12 64 | |
| Auburn, | 53 63 | |
| Rutland, | 28 43 | |
| Hubbardston, | 23 47 | |
| Westminster, | 30 29 | |
| Leicester, | 79 15 | |
| | <hr/> | \$620 03 |

Cash received:

| | |
|--------------|------------|
| Millbury | \$1,141 95 |
| Charlton, | 463 55 |
| Holden, | 463 55 |
| Princeton, | 418 35 |
| Hardwick, | 211 44 |
| Westminster, | 206 34 |
| Paxton, | 206 34 |
| Sterling, | 206 34 |
| Rutland, | 206 34 |
| Holland, | 206 34 |
| Hubbardston, | 63 34 |
| Auburn, | 42 42 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$3,836 30 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$7,568 03 |

The number of inmates who have been supported by the Charlton Poor Farm Association from January 1, 1915, to January 1, 1916, constitutes the following apportionment:

| Town | No. of Inmates | Weeks | Price | Amount |
|--------------|----------------|---------|---------|------------|
| Millbury, | 8 | 288 4-7 | \$3.957 | \$1,141 95 |
| Charlton, | 3 | 117 1-7 | 3.957 | 463 55 |
| Holden, | 6 | 117 1-7 | 3.957 | 463 55 |
| Princeton, | 3 | 105 5-7 | 3.957 | 418 35 |
| Hardwick, | 2 | 53 3-7 | 3.957 | 211 44 |
| Westminster, | 1 | 52 1-7 | 3.957 | 206 34 |
| Paxton, | 1 | 52 1-7 | 3.957 | 206 34 |
| Sterling, | 1 | 52 1-7 | 3.957 | 206 34 |
| Rutland, | 1 | 52 1-7 | 3.957 | 206 34 |
| Holland, | 1 | 52 1-7 | 3.957 | 206 34 |
| Hubbardston, | 1 | 16 | 3.957 | 63 34 |
| Auburn, | 1 | 10 5-7 | 3.957 | 42 42 |

Following is a list of towns comprising the Charlton Poor Farm Association and the amount of assessment based upon each town's valuation:

| Town | Valuation | Assessment |
|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Auburn, | \$1,730,000 | \$53 63 |
| Charlton, | 1,442 080 | 44 70 |
| Hardwick, | 2,906,135 | 90 09 |
| Holden, | 1,857,782 | 57 59 |
| Holland, | 116,133 | 3 60 |
| Hubbardston, | 757,225 | 23 47 |
| Leicester, | 2,553,278 | 79 15 |
| Millbury, | 3,213,293 | 99 61 |
| Oakham, | 367,774 | 11 40 |
| Paxton, | 407,948 | 12 64 |
| Princeton, | 1,485,128 | 46 03 |
| Rutland, | 917,325 | 28 43 |
| Sterling, | 1,270,940 | 39 40 |
| Westminster, | 977,225 | 30 29 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$20,002,266 | \$620 03 |

OUTSIDE POOR

Forty persons have received aid to the
amount of

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| | \$1,330 43 |
| Received from Worcester, | \$60 89 |
| Received for burial of two paupers, | 30 00 |
| Due from Worcester, | 8 95 |
| Due from Ashburnham, | 110 60 |
| Due from the State, | 210 93 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$421 37 |
| | <hr/> |
| Net expense of outside poor, | \$909 06 |

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|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Paid Charlton Poor Farm Association, | 236 63 |
| Total expended for public charity, | <hr/> \$1,145 69 |

Respectfully submitted,

HOBART RAYMOND,
FRANK H. BATTLES,
CYRUS T. MILLER.

Approved Jan. 26, 1916.

F. E. MILLER,
F. W. MOSSMAN
Auditors.

REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS

Roll of Members of Company No. 1

S. W. FRENCH, Foreman.
F. E. KELTY, First Assistant Foreman.
F. E. MILLER, Second Assistant Foreman.
HAROLD TOWLE, Third Assistant Foreman.
C. L. MANSUR, Clerk and Treasurer.
F. E. KELTY, Steward.

Enginemen

| | |
|--------------------|----------------|
| D. W. Saunders, | Arthur Nye, |
| Chester Stockwell, | Ralph Young, |
| W. H. Stockwell, | Will Miller, |
| Raymond Stockwell, | Harley Towle, |
| Frank Adams, | Roy Stockwell, |
| E. R. Miller, | Sherman Rice, |
| Albert Lane, | Harry Miller, |
| Henry Miller, | Carl Sargent, |
| Lester Kelty, | Roger Battles, |
| John Sawin, | Frank Smith, |
| E. E. Fenno, | Louis Fisher, |
| Harry Seaver, | C. H. Mansur, |
| Fred Rice, | Orrin Parcher, |
| Guy Miller, | Adna Fisher, |
| G. L. Dawley, | Charles Towle, |
| A. Donaldson, | P. Derby, |

E. E. Young

Whitmanville Engine Co.

G. VIEWIG, Foreman.
 S. MILLS, First Assistant.
 E. STAEINLER, Second Assistant.
 W. COWDREY, Third Assistant.
 D. A. PEELER, Clerk, Treasurer and Steward.

Enginemen

| | |
|--------------|----------------|
| J. Mather, | E. Wells, |
| F. Parks, | H. Cowdrey, |
| A. Cowdrey, | E. Smith, |
| H. Earle, | L. La Fortune, |
| E. Prescott, | F. Newell, |
| C. Peeler, | A. Blaisdell, |
| G. Nitsche, | P. Fagan. |

EXPENDITURES

| | | |
|-------|--|----------|
| April | C. S. Mansur, services of enginemen, | \$210 00 |
| | D. A. Peeler, services of enginemen and supplies Whitmanville Co., | 84 80 |
| | F. E. Kelty, care of engine No. 1 and supplies, | 10 15 |
| | W. H. Stockwell, care of extinguishers, | 4 00 |
| | Judson Foster, hauling engine, | 5 00 |
| | C. L. Smith, services of 5 engineers, | 25 00 |
| May | D. A. Peeler, services of 1 man 5 months, | 2 08 |

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|------|---|-------|----------|
| July | Myron Pierce, men at Bradley fire, 1914, | 2 00 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$343 03 |

C. S. SMITH,
W. W. YOUNG,
W. F. NEAL,
M. D. PIERCE,
W. H. WATERHOUSE,
Engineers.

Examined and approved Jan. 22, 1916.

F. E. MILLER,
F. W. MOSSMAN,
Auditors.

Forest Warden

| | | |
|-------|--|--------|
| Mar. | W. F. Neal, repairing extinguishers, | \$4 00 |
| | W. F. Neal, men and team, Smith muster field and Hurley fires, | 3 87 |
| | W. F. Neal, men and team at Bridge-Tani-Cedar Swamp and Hekular fires, | 7 00 |
| | E. C. Prescott, men and team, Peeler fire, | 17 40 |
| April | W. F. Neal, men and teams, Esta- brook fire, | 106 40 |
| | W. F. Neal, men and teams, R. R. fire, | 14 25 |
| | W. F. Neal, men and teams, Crocker Burbank fire, | 17 78 |
| | W. F. Neal, men and teams, Cody Steam Mill fire, | 29 00 |
| | W. H. Waterhouse men and teams, Notown and Estabrook fire, | 22 25 |

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|--------|---|----------------|
| | F. A. Curtis, men and teams, No-town Merriam-Roper fire, | 78 56 |
| | A. R. Durling, men and teams, Estabrook-Cody-Roper fire, | 30 15 |
| | C. C. Dawley & Sons, soda, | 15 12 |
| | Miller Bros., supplies, | 8 54 |
| | Hobart Raymond, men at Estabrook fire, | 2 75 |
| | J. H. Miller, storing fire barge 21 months, | 8 75 |
| | E. R. Flagg, men and team at Estabrook fire, | 2 50 |
| May | A. R. Durling, men and team, Steam Mill fire, | \$14 25 |
| | F. A. Curtis, men and team, Steam Mill, Crocker, Burbank and Roper fires, | 21 33 |
| | E. C. Prescott, men and team, Nashua River and Steam Mill, | 87 75 |
| | W. F. Neal, men and team, steam Mill, | 44 83 |
| | American Woolen Co., carboy acid, | 3 99 |
| June | Fitchburg Hardware Co., carboy acid, | 4 04 |
| | W. F. Neal, men and team, Steam Mill and M. D. Whitney fires, | 16 30 |
| | E. C. Prescott, men and team, Hromada -Nashua River fires, | 46 50 |
| | F. A. Curtis, men and team, M. D. Whitney fire, | 21 54 |
| | C. A. Cross, five kegs soda, | 10 00 |
| Aug. | W. F. Neal, men at Steam Mill fire, | 2 50 |
| | W. F. Neal, Forest Warden work, | 9 25 |
| Total, | | <hr/> \$650 60 |

Chief Warden

W. H. Stockwell

Deputy Forest Wardens

W. H. Waterhouse,
E. R. Flagg,
E. O. Webber,
J. A. Frye,
F. J. Ray.

W. H. Laws,
E. C. Prescott,
F. A. Curtis,
A. R. Durling,

W. F. NEAL, *Forest Warden.*

REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1915

The past year has been more favorable for the care of the cemeteries than the previous year. We have had enough moisture to keep the grass looking well.

At Woodside we have trimmed out several of the bad looking trees, and much of the unsightly looking brush near the highway, and some progress has been made in repairing the walls which have been in bad condition.

Two lots have been sold. At Mt. Pleasant several lots have been put in fine condition, and the grounds have shown a neat appearance.

A new water tub and waste basket have been provided, and one lot has been sold.

At Whitmanville the grounds are looking better than for many years. The wall and gateway have been changed for the better, and one lot has been sold.

The Commissioners respectfully recommend an appropriation of four hundred dollars for the coming year.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS

| | | |
|---------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Town appropriations, | \$300 00 | |
| Received for 2 lots sold, | 20 00 | |
| Received for grass and bedding, | 5 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$325 00 |

EXPENSES

| | | |
|--|----------|---------------|
| Paid for labor and material, Woodside, | \$164 36 | |
| Paid for labor and material, Mt. Pleasant, | 37 59 | |
| Paid for labor and material, Whitmanville, | 69 38 | |
| | <hr/> | \$271 33 |
| Balance unexpended, | | <hr/> \$53 67 |
| Expended from Cemetery Lot Funds, | | \$109 29 |
| Received from Twon Treasurer for same, | | 109 29 |

Respectfully submitted,
 FRANK S. PARKS,
 HOBART RAYMOND,
 GEO. W. BARNES,
Commissioners.

Approved, Feb. 7, 1916.

F. E. MILLER,
 F. W. MOSSMAN,
Auditors.

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

There has been reported to the Board of Health during the year:

- 1 case of diphtheria.
- 1 case of mumps.
- 1 case of typhoid fever.
- 1 case of chicken pox.
- 3 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis.
- 4 cases of scarlet fever.
- 5 houses have been fumigated.
- 5 houses have been quarantined.

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|-------|---|------------------------|
| Jan. | Worcester No. Laboratories, "Hick's", | \$1 50 |
| Mar. | M. D. Whitney, Inspector Slaughtering, | 24 00 |
| April | Geo. Mossman, M. D., fumigating schoolhouse, | 5 50 |
| May | C. M. Kelley, M. D., fumigating, Lawrence E. Poole, cultures, Andrew Ham, quarantine, | 4 00 22 00 30 00 |
| July | Geo. Mossman, M. D., fumigation and medical attendance, Marcy, | 5 25 |
| Aug. | Burbank Hospital culture, Geo. Mossman, fumigation, Marcy, | 1 00 2 75 |
| Sept. | Frank R. Murdock, Inspector of Slaughtering, | 36 00 |
| | | <hr/> \$132 00 |

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|------|---|-------|----------|
| Oct. | Underwood & Carroll, supplies for Board of Health, | 2 90 | |
| Nov. | State Dept. of Health Branding Outfits, | 5 30 | |
| | Geo. Mossman, M. D., quarantine Robbins family, | 1 45 | |
| | Henry Heywood Hospital, expenses of Wm. Morris, | 12 90 | |
| Dec. | L. S. Miller, Inspector of Slaugh- tering, | 38 75 | |
| | Frank R. Murdock, Inspector of Slaughtering, | 58 60 | |
| | Laurence E. Poole, bacterial ex- amination, | 2 00 | |
| | Geo. Mossman, M. D., fumigating Robbins | 2 75 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$256 65 |

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. MOSSMAN, *Agent.*

Jan. 22, 1916.

Examined and found correct.

F. E. MILLER,

F. W. MOSSMAN,

Auditors.

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

The trustees of the Forbush Memorial Library are pleased to report that the past year has been in many respects the most successful year in the history of the library. The number of patrons has been largely increased. The books and periodicals added have greatly increased its practical usefulness and interest. The service rendered by the Librarian and her assistants has been intelligent, painstaking and courteous..

The more than eight thousand volumes now upon our shelves contain all the best fiction and aids for research in all lines of general information, and should prove a valuable adjunct to the schools and a wholesome means of entertainment and mental uplift to the community.

The library ranks among the very best in the Commonwealth, in communities like our own, and should be an object of pride to every citizen.

To enlarge the scope of its usefulness, additional funds are needed. Gifts and bequests could be used to great advantage in enriching its service to the town.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

| | | |
|--|----------|----------|
| Town appropriation, | \$400 00 | |
| Amount of dog tax from County Treasurer, | 319 66 | |
| Donation from a friend in Boston, | 10 00 | |
| Income from Mary A. Farnsworth fund, | 21 20 | |
| Income from Charles A. Forbush fund, | 20 20 | |
| Income from Joseph W. Forbush fund, | 45 49 | |
| Income from Arabella R. Hager fund, | 24 00 | |
| Income from Manson D. Hawes fund, | 50 63 | |
| Income from Museum and Grounds fund, | 72 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$963 18 |

EXPENSES

| | | |
|---|----------|----------|
| Paid for new books, | \$326 83 | |
| Paid for Magazines, | 68 40 | |
| Paid for Printing, | 19 20 | |
| Paid for Binding, | 31 60 | |
| Paid for Fuel, | 50 50 | |
| Paid for Lighting, | 26 40 | |
| Paid for Care of lawn, | 36 34 | |
| Paid for Miscellaneous items, | 17 70 | |
| Miller Bros., supplies, | 22 86 | |
| H. G. Partridge & Co., repairs on heater, | 22 58 | |
| J. C. Goodridge, lumber, | 3 22 | |
| C. A. Simonds, repairs, | 3 50 | |
| W. H. Griffin, finishing, | 5 45 | |
| F. A. Merriam, janitor, 15 months, | 125 00 | |
| Sadie F. Greene, librarian 13 months, | 130 00 | |
| Lillian G. Drury, librarian 12 months, | 50 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$939 58 |
| Unexpended, | | \$23 60 |

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK W. FENNO,
 ELLEN M. WRIGHT,
 EDITH M. GRIFFIN,
 ELMIRA L. WHITNEY,
 CYRUS T. MILLER,
 W. C. McALLESTER,
Board of Trustees.

Approved Feb. 5, 1916.

F. E. MILLER,
 F. W. MOSSMAN,
Auditors.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of the Forbush Memorial Library.

The report for the year ending December 31, 1915, is herewith submitted.

The statistics show a gain in circulation of 17 per cent, and there is a corresponding increase in the general library work.

Textbooks have been purchased or borrowed whenever it has been necessary in giving practical aid in business occupations; and for recreation, two books of fiction are allowed each borrower in addition to non-fiction and periodicals.

The teaching of reference work to the higher grades of the Center schools has been commenced, the schools being sent to the library for that purpose.

Over five hundred Government reports have been returned to Washington without expense, thus giving room for books which are needful.

New stacks have been placed in the storeroom on the second floor for the filing of periodicals used for reference work.

Each year many interesting additions are made to the collection in the Art Room. "Old-fashioned" relics of other days are especially desirable, and may be safely loaned or placed there as a gift.

Through the continued kindness of "The Woman's Education Association" collections of pictures are loaned several times during the year.

The library has a list of sixty-six correspondence courses offered by the Department of University Extension under the direction of the Board of Education. It is intended to place upon the shelves all books necessary for the pursuance of these courses and to aid those who are interested in the opportunities offered.

LIBRARY STATISTICS

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|---|--------|
| Days open during the year, | 103 |
| Largest day's circulation, March 27, | 203 |
| Smallest day's circulation, September 22, | 43 |
| Average daily circulation, | 107 |
| Total circulation for the year, | 11,648 |
| Estimated active borrowers, | 621 |
| Number of volumes added by purchase, | 288 |
| Number of volumes added by gift, | 9 |
| Number of volumes added by bound periodicals, | 25 |
| Number of volumes in library December 31, 1915, | 8,702 |
| Periodicals subscribed for, | 37 |
| Periodicals donated, | 30 |
| Total number received, | 67 |

LOANS

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| Portrait, Mr. E. S. Kendall, | Mr. Lorin Kendall |
| Cabinet containing collection of birds, | Mr. F. S. Whitman |
| Cheese press 100 years old, | Mr. Hiram Ray |

BOOKS

| | |
|--|---|
| a. Paths of Glory, | |
| b. The Literary Man's Bible, | |
| c. They who knock at our gates, | |
| | Messrs. Nichols and Frost, by Mr. J. H. Potter. |
| General Education, 1902-1914, | General Education Board |
| Woman Suffrage, | Mass. Woman Suffrage Association |
| Brief of arguments against public ownership, | |
| | American Telephone and Telegraph Company |
| a. Panama and the Canal, | |
| b. King Albert's Book, | |
| | Mass. Free Public Library Commission |
| One American's opinion of the European War, | F. W. Whitridge |
| The evidence in the case, | James M. Beck |

- A century of service,
 Wheat and flour primer,
 Historical poem by Robert Peckham,
 Concrete and cement construction,
 a. Two bugle calls,
 b. The attack and defense of Little Round Top, Gettysburg,
 •
 Pageant and masque of Saint Louis, 1914,
 Life of Mary Baker Eddy,
 Trustees under the will of Mary Baker Eddy
 Child labor and social progress; 3 v.
 National Child Labor Commission
 Eight volumes,
 Mrs. H. B. Buxton

PERIODICALS

- The Nurse, 6 months,
 The Peoples' Home Journal,
 a. The Housewife,
 b. The Ladies' World,
 Woman's Home Companion,
 Our Dumb Animals,
 a. The Independent,
 b. The Survey,
 c. The Woman's Journal,
 d. Religious Education,
 e. Child Labor Bulletin,
 f. General Federation of Woman's Clubs,
 g. American Red Cross,
 h. Peoples' Popular Monthly,
 i. Woman's World,
 j. The Household,
 k. Farm Life,
 Rev. Lucy Milton Giles
 a. The Designer,
 b. The Pictorial Review,
 Universalist Leader,
 "A Friend"
 Mrs. F. A. Miller
 Mrs. C. W. Newman
 Miss Ida Delva
 Miss Louise Caldwell
 Miss M. E. Davis
 Ladies' Social Circle

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| The Congregationalist, | Congregationalist Sunday School |
| The Christian Science Journal, | |
| | Trustees under the will of Mary Baker Eddy |
| The Filipino People, | Manuel Quezon |
| Cornell Reading Course, | Cornell University |
| Hygiene and the Child, | Nestle's Food Company |
| American Messenger, | The Publishers |
| Temperance Cause, | The Publishers |
| Our Commonwealth, | The Publishers |
| The Menace, | The Publishers |
| The Sperry Magazine, | The Publishers |
| Reports of the M. A. C. Experiment Station. | |

VITAL STATISTICS

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|------------------|------------------|
| Amesbury, | Heath, |
| Cambridge, v. 1, | Rochester, 2 v., |
| Chelmsford, | Tyngsborough. |

Also reports from the Commonwealth and Government publications from Washington, D. C.

LIBRARIAN'S ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|--------|---------|
| Jan. 1, 1915, cash on hand, | \$5 67 | |
| Received for catalogues, cards and fines, | 12 82 | |
| | <hr/> | \$18 49 |

PAYMENTS

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Express, | \$5 30 | |
| Postage, | 3 10 | |
| Supplies, | 4 84 | |
| Magazines replaced, | 50 | |
| Transportation of borrowed books, | 2 20 | |
| | <hr/> | \$15 94 |
| Cash balance, | | \$2 55 |

In conclusion I wish to thank the Board of Trustees, the Assistants and all who have helped in making the work of the year successful.

Respectfully submitted,

SADIE F. GREENE, *Librarian*.

AUDITORS' REPORT

Tax of 1914

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|
| Uncollected Feb. 1, 1915, | | \$3,197 56 |
| Since collected, | \$3,171 47 | |
| Since abated, | 17 89 | |
| Interest collected, | 44 82 | 44 82 |
| Moth tax collected, | 17 00 | 17 00 |
| Still uncollected, | 8 20 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$3,259 38 | \$3,259 38 |

Tax of 1915

| | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Total tax committed to collector, | | \$22,872 70 |
| Since collected, | \$18,665 72 | |
| Since abated, | 100 45 | |
| Interest collected, | 69 81 | 69 81 |
| Moth tax, collected, | 143 94 | 143 94 |
| Still uncollected, including street railway tax, | 4,106 53 | |
| | <hr/> | |
| | \$23,086 45 | \$23,086 45 |

February 5th, 1916.

F. E. MILLER,
F. W. MOSSMAN,
Auditors.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

| | |
|---|------------|
| Cash on hand at last report, | \$1,269 95 |
| Borrowed from Water Fund during the year, | 7,500 00 |
| International Harvester Co. note matured and paid, | 1,000 00 |
| Street Railway tax, | 697 71 |
| Corporation tax, | 349 09 |
| National Bank tax, | 451 56 |
| Dog tax, | 319 66 |
| Compensation by the State for loss of taxes, | 246 34 |
| On account temporary aid to State paupers, | 375 60 |
| On account of burial of State paupers, | 30 00 |
| On account of inspection of animals, | 62 45 |
| State Highway Commission, | 134 66 |
| State School Fund, | 903 28 |
| High School maintenance, | 500 00 |
| Account school Superintendent's salary, | 500 00 |
| Account tuition of children, | 213 00 |
| Account State aid rendered, | 942 00 |
| Account Soldiers' burial, | 50 00 |
| J. S. Harrington, town hall rent, | 181 75 |
| G. W. Barnes, Sealer of Weights and Meas- ures, | 11 18 |
| Gypsy and brown-tail moth account, | 1,214 40 |
| City of Worcester, Poor account, | 60 89 |
| 4 cemetery lots sold, | 20 00 |
| Grass sold, | 5 00 |
| Books sold, library, | 5 59 |
| Old books sold, Town Hall vault, | 5 00 |
| District court fines, | 10 00 |
| B. & M. R. R., account brush fire, | 12 00 |

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| Junk licenses, | 15 00 |
| C. H. Smith, auctioneer's license, | 2 00 |
| Otto Conant, slaughtering license, | 1 00 |
| S. F. Darling, slaughtering license, | 1 00 |
| George W. Atwood & Co., slaughtering license, | 1 00 |
| Edward Young, pool license, | 2 00 |
| License at Holmes park, | 2 00 |
| Donation from Mr. Burt L. Hunt towards road repairs, | 25 00 |
| Income from Library Trust Funds, | 233 52 |
| Donation to Library from friend, | 10 00 |
| Income from Water Fund, | 144 83 |
| W. F. Neal, Collector, Taxes, 1914, | 3,233 29 |
| W. F. Neal, Collector, Taxes, 1915, | 18,879 47 |
| | <hr/> \$39,621 22 |

PAYMENTS

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| County tax, | \$1,105 00 |
| State tax, | 2,437 50 |
| State Highway repairs, | 203 61 |
| Fines, | 3 00 |
| Water funds restored, | 8,500 00 |
| Appropriation to increase water fund, | 500 00 |
| Six months' interest schoolhouse loan, | 280 00 |
| Schoolhouse note No. 3 cancelled, | 1,000 00 |
| Six months' interest bal. schoolhouse loan, | 260 00 |
| 460 Selectmen's orders, | 24,620 44 |
| Cash on hand, | 711 67 |
| | <hr/> \$39,621 22 |

ASSETS

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|---------------------------------|----------|
| Due for State aid payments | \$942 00 |
| Due from Town of Ashburnham | 110 60 |
| Due from the State Poor Account | 210 93 |

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|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Special Library fund | 1800 00 |
| Mary A. Farnsworth Library fund | 525 00 |
| Charles A. Forbush Library fund | 500 00 |
| Joseph W. Forbush Library fund | 1000 00 |
| Arabella R. Hager Library fund | 600 00 |
| Manson D. Hawes Library fund | 1000 00 |
| Joseph W. Forbush worthy poor fund | 1490 02 |
| Water fund | 9000 00 |
| Uncollected taxes 1915 | 4106 53 |
| Uncollected taxes 1914 | 8 20 |
| Cash | 711 67 |
| | <hr/> \$22,004 95 |

LIABILITY

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|------------------|-------------|
| Schoolhouse Loan | \$13,000 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$9,004 95 |

SURPLUS

Following is a list of Cemetery lot funds invested in Savings Banks and held in trust by the town value as of Jan. 1, 1916.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Lyman Allen, | \$109 33 |
| Frederick Allen, | 103 57 |
| John Brown, | 109 23 |
| Ruth Peckham Beaman, | 51 82 |
| Eliza Baker, | 53 10 |
| Jonas Cutler, | 93 69 |
| Sarah M. Cowee, | 115 59 |
| Abigail Coleman and Almond Derby, | 136 86 |
| William Enton, | 116 32 |
| Stillman Eaton, | 70 72 |
| Marshall Eaton, | 110 46 |
| Joseph W. Estabrook, | 51 04 |
| Preston P. Ellis, | 105 50 |
| Charles A. Forbush, | 119 59 |

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|--------------------------------|--------|
| Joseph W. Forbush, | 157 57 |
| Mary A. Farnsworth, | 63 00 |
| Sarah A. Foskett, | 54 00 |
| Elijah Hager, | 82 71 |
| George W. Hager, | 82 71 |
| Holden and Eames, | 110 85 |
| Leander Hartwell, | 56 21 |
| Mary E. Hood, | 91 75 |
| Harrington & Wheeler, | 67 30 |
| William Mayo, | 226 20 |
| Joseph Minott, | 75 40 |
| Miles and Puffer, | 54 00 |
| Artemas Merriam, | 171 90 |
| Elisha Pierce, | 165 00 |
| Porter F. Page, | 165 67 |
| Partridge-Seaver and Hartwell, | 116 00 |
| Ivers Ray, | 107 17 |
| Sarah B. Smith, | 68 50 |
| Otis W. and L. Ashton Sawin, | 158 00 |
| Sarah H. Stearns, | 119 25 |
| George C. Upton, | 629 08 |
| Melinda C. Whipple, | 74 77 |
| Sophia L. Wyman, | 111 59 |
| John Whitney, | 106 80 |
| Fedelia Sawin Young, | 22 55 |
| Abigail E. Ware, | 153 00 |
| John and Lucy K. Lynde, | 100 00 |

The Water fund so-called now nine thousand dollars is invested as follows: Cumberland Telephone Co. 5% bonds \$1000.00. Demand Certificates of Deposit in Westminster National Bank 4%, \$8000.00.

FRANK W. FENNO

Town Treasurer

Approved Feb. 5, 1916.

F. E. MILLER.

F. W. MOSSMAN, Auditor.

ERRATA

The following items of the Report of Highway Commissioners should appear before "Special Work in South Part" on Page 67.

| | | |
|------|---|--------|
| | L. W. French, blacksmithing | \$4 75 |
| May | J. C. Goodridge, 462 ft. 3: chest Plank | 16 17 |
| | J. C. Goodridge 285ft. 7 x 7 chest | 9 98 |
| | Mr. Holmes, 14 loads stone | 70 |
| | C. L. Smith, 7 plow points | 5 25 |
| | H. Hall, labor | 38 45 |
| | F. Goodridge & team labor | 99 50 |
| | Hodge & Team, labor | 88 00 |
| | J. C. Goodridge, labor | 37 60 |
| | H. Towle, labor | 30 82 |
| | Tom Perkins, labor | 38 00 |
| | H. Neal, labor | 1 80 |
| | H. Coombs, labor | 1 80 |
| | G. Divoll, labor | 1 80 |
| | John Kenney, labor | 34 40 |
| | N. D. Howard, labor | 5 40 |
| | S. Budro & Team, labor | 70 00 |
| | W. W. Young, labor | 2 50 |
| | John Buckman, labor | 26 20 |
| | N. D. Howard, labor | 65 |
| | Henry Hover, labor | 21 80 |
| | Deaw on Scraper | 40 |
| | Ed. Barron, 42 loads gravel at .08 | 3 36 |
| | 3 Pick axes | 3 00 |
| | L. W. French, blacksmithing | 2 70 |
| June | June 1, 1914, to June 1, 1915, Westminster, Water, W. | 16 67 |

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|-------|--------------------------------------|-------|
| | C. F. Giles, 196 loads gravel | 9 44 |
| | Hodge & Team, labor | 44 00 |
| | F. Goodridge & Team, labor | 30 00 |
| | H. Hall, labor | 18 50 |
| | J. Kenney, labor | 7 20 |
| | Tom Perkins, labor | 7 20 |
| | H. Towle, labor | 10 66 |
| | J. Buckman, labor | 7 20 |
| | H. Hover, labor | 7 20 |
| | J. C. Goodridge, labor | 16 40 |
| | F. A. Goodridge, labor | 11 00 |
| | Use of horse, labor | 7 20 |
| | Budro & Team, labor | 21 00 |
| | L. W. French, blacksmithing | 1 00 |
| | F. H. Battles, plank | 2 16 |
| July. | Hodge & Team, labor | 24 25 |
| | Budro & Team, labor | 8 00 |
| | F. Goodridge & 1 horse | 1 17 |
| | E. C. Barron, 2 loads gravel at .08 | 16 |
| | F. A. Goodridge, labor | 6 90 |
| | J. Kenney, labor | 5 60 |
| | H. Hall, labor | 1 60 |
| | J. C. Goodridge, labor | 3 30 |
| Aug. | Sharpening tools | 70 |
| | Budro & Team, labor | 23 50 |
| | Hodge & Team, labor | 39 00 |
| | Hodge, labor | 1 90 |
| | H. Hall, labor | 15 30 |
| | John Kenney, labor | 10 90 |
| | J. C. Goodridge, labor | 10 20 |
| | C. Gordan, labor | 1 60 |
| | H. Towle, labor | 7 50 |
| | C. L. Smith & Team, labor | 9 00 |
| | E. C. Barron, 27 loads gravel at .08 | 2 16 |
| | Harry Howard, 7 loads gravel at .10 | 70 |

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|-------|----------------------------------|-----------------|
| Sept. | Hodge, labor | 1 00 |
| | C. Gordan, labor | 1 40 |
| | Budro & Team labor | 3 50 |
| | Geo. Sardent use of watering tub | 2 00 |
| Nov. | L. W. French, blacksmithing | 1 10 |
| Oct. | Hodge & Team, labor | 4 50 |
| | H. Hall, labor | 1 80 |
| | H. Bassett, labor | 1 80 |
| | Repairing scraper | 1 00 |
| | | <hr/> \$1139 32 |

OPENING ROADS

| | | |
|------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Apr. | J. C. Goodridge, men and teams | 12 15 |
| | L. Miller | 50 |
| | M. Newton | 5 55 |
| | Chas. Knower | 3 25 |
| Dec. | Ed Hetue | 13 90 |
| | J. Goodridge | 12 30 |
| | J. Foster | 3 60 |
| | Mr. Gilman | 5 30 |
| | M. Newton | 6 45 |
| | C. Knower | 9 65 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | Total amount expense | \$72 65 |
| | | <hr/> \$1211 97 |

Examined and Approved, Jan. 26, 1916.

F. E. MILLER,
F. W. MOSSMAN,
Auditors.

Report of W. H. Waterhouse as one of the Road Commissioners. Special Work in South Part of Town.

| | | |
|--------|------------------|----------|
| May 29 | W. H. Waterhouse | 58 50 |
| | Frank Kelley | 21 60 |
| | John O'Neal | 18 00 |
| | Chas. H. Page | 10 80 |
| | Frank Murdock | 22 50 |
| | Orrine Brigham | 23 40 |
| | Victor Koskien | 19 80 |
| | Paul Derby | 21 60 |
| | Richard Lantz | 23 40 |
| | Andrew Errickson | 18 80 |
| | James Curry | 12 60 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$251 00 |

REPORT OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONERS

| | | |
|-------|-------------------------------|--------|
| Mar. | J. C. Goodridge, labor | \$0 50 |
| | D. Hodge, labor, | 2 00 |
| | Hodge and team, labor, | 9 50 |
| | S. Budro, labor, | 3 80 |
| April | H. Towle, labor, | 12 92 |
| | 2 racks, | 90 |
| | 1 hook, | 60 |
| | Hodge and team, labor, | 43 00 |
| | F. Goodridge and team, labor, | 38 50 |
| | A. C. Ham, labor, | 3 60 |
| | H. Neal, labor, | 3 60 |
| | J. C. Goodridge, labor, | 16 20 |
| | D. Hodge, labor, | 5 20 |
| | C. Bolton, labor, | 13 10 |
| | H. Combs, labor, | 1 80 |
| | N. D. Howard, labor, | 7 20 |
| | H. Hall, labor, | 10 80 |
| | Tom Perkins, labor, | 5 50 |
| | John Kenny, labor, | 3 60 |
| | S. Budro, labor, | 3 60 |

Special Work in South Part

| | | |
|----------|-------------------|--------|
| Nov. 27. | W. H. Waterhouse, | \$9 00 |
| | Judson Foster, | 4 50 |
| | E. R. Flagg, | 4 50 |
| | James Curry, | 1 80 |
| | Frank Murdock, | 1 80 |
| | Orrine Brigham, | 1 80 |

\$23 40

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|----------------|----------|
| Appropriation, | \$250 00 |
| Contributed, | 25 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total, | \$275 00 |
| Expended, | 274 40 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 60 |

Approved Jan. 26, 1916.

W. H. WATERHOUSE,

F. E. MILLER,
F. W. MOSSMAN,
Auditors.

Report of W. H. Waterhouse as one of the Road Commissioners.

| | | | |
|-----------|----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Mar. 27. | F. A. Curtis, repairs, highways, | \$12 77 | |
| April 24. | W. H. Waterhouse, | 19 60 | |
| | O. E. Brigham, | 3 20 | |
| | Frank Murdock, | 3 20 | |
| | Victor Koskien, | 2 70 | |
| | Richard Lantz, | 2 70 | |
| | James Curry, | 90 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$32 30 |
| | F. A. Cutris, | 21 35 | |
| | Alton Battles, | 11 70 | |
| | New England Metal Culvert Co., | 174 34 | |
| May 29. | F. A. Curtis, | 34 65 | |
| May 29. | W. H. Waterhouse, | \$45 00 | |
| | Richard Lantz, | 9 90 | |
| | O. E. Brigham, | 9 90 | |
| | Frank Murdock, | 9 90 | |
| | Victor Koskien, | 9 90 | |
| | James Curry, | 7 20 | |
| | Frank Kelley, | 8 10 | |

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|----------|-------------------|----------|----------|
| | John O. Neal, | 8 10 | |
| | Andrew Errickson, | 8 10 | |
| | Paul Derby, | 8 10 | |
| May 29. | Judson Foster, | 20 25 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$144 45 |
| June 26. | W. H. Waterhouse, | \$117 00 | |
| | Richard Lantz, | 27 60 | |
| | O. E. Brigham, | 27 00 | |
| | Frank Murdock, | 27 00 | |
| | Victor Koskien, | 9 00 | |
| | James Curry, | 23 40 | |
| | Frank Kelley, | 27 00 | |
| | John O. Neal, | 25 20 | |
| | Andrew Errickson, | 27 00 | |
| | Paul Derby, | 9 00 | |
| | Judson Foster, | 40 50 | |
| | L. W. French, | 8 44 | |
| | Miller Bros., | 1 20 | |
| | E. H. Merriam, | 16 00 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$385 34 |
| June 26. | F. A. Curtis, | \$38 70 | |
| July 31. | F. A. Curtis, | 20 50 | |
| July 31. | W. H. Waterhouse, | 25 40 | |
| | James Curry, | 5 40 | |
| | Frank Kelley, | 1 80 | |
| | John O. Neal, | 1 80 | |
| | O. E. Brigham, | 7 20 | |
| | Frank Murdock, | 7 20 | |
| | Andrew Errickson, | 1 80 | |
| | Richard Lantz, | 1 80 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$52 40 |
| Aug. 28. | F. A. Curtis, | | \$37 30 |
| | W. H. Waterhouse, | 35 00 | |
| | Chas. H. Page, | 3 60 | |
| | George Hanks, | 3 60 | |
| | Henry Hanks, | 5 80 | |
| | Harry Durlin | 1 50 | |

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|----------|------------------------|---------|------------|
| | Wolfred Durlin, | 90 | |
| | James Curry, | 3 60 | |
| | Herman Sanderson, | 90 | |
| | Andrew Erickson, | 1 80 | |
| | Frank Murdock, | 4 20 | |
| | O. E. Brigham, | 4 20 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$65 10 |
| | E. R. Flagg, | | 1 62 |
| Oct. 30. | W. H. Waterhouse, | \$46 10 | |
| | James Curry, | 11 80 | |
| | Frank Murdock, | 10 80 | |
| | Orrine Brigham, | 10 80 | |
| | Hiram Ray, | 3 00 | |
| | Richard Lantz, | 3 60 | |
| | E. O. Webber, | 2 00 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$88 10 |
| Nov. 27. | F. A. Curtis, | \$2 00 | |
| | F. A. Curtis, | 1 04 | |
| | W. H. Waterhouse, | 24 65 | |
| | James Curry, | 4 90 | |
| | Frank Murdock, | 4 90 | |
| | Orrine Brigham, | 4 90 | |
| | Judson Foster, | 2 50 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$41 85 |
| | Total highway repairs, | | 1,165 51 |
| | Total opening roads, | | 100 50 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| | Total amount expended, | | \$1,266 05 |
| | Appropriation, | | 1,200 00 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| | Overdrawn, | | \$66 01 |

OPENING ROADS

1915

| | | |
|----------|-------------------|---------|
| Dec. 31. | W. H. Waterhouse, | \$26 70 |
| | Frank Murdock, | 2 40 |

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|-----------|----------------------|-------|----------|
| | O. E. Brigham, | 3 60 | |
| | Walter Brighzm, | 1 70 | |
| | James Curry, | 3 60 | |
| | James Page, | 70 | |
| | Richard Lantz, | 5 40 | |
| | Soren Peterson, | 4 00 | |
| | Judson Foster, | 13 00 | |
| | Joseph Gorden, | 3 00 | |
| | Prince Albert, | 4 00 | |
| | Daniel Havener, | 3 60 | |
| | C. Gorden, | 1 60 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$73 30 |
| April 24. | E. R. Flagg, | 3 80 | |
| Dec. 28. | F. A. Curtis, | 8 40 | |
| Dec. 31. | E. R. Flagg, | 14 00 | |
| | Alton Battles, | 1 00 | |
| | | <hr/> | |
| | Total opening roads, | | \$100 50 |

Approved Jan. 26, 1916.

F. E. MILLER,
F. W. MOSSMAN,
Auditors.

A. H. Proctor

HIGHWAY REPAIRS

| | | | |
|----------|------------------------|---------|---------|
| Mar. 27. | F. A. Curtis, railing, | \$26 90 | |
| | E. W. Vewig, | 9 00 | |
| | E. Bean, | 1 60 | |
| | P. Collette, | 4 40 | |
| | B. Corners, | 4 50 | |
| | J. Smith, | 1 00 | |
| | A. Hromada, | 8 00 | |
| | A. H. Proctor, | 4 20 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$59 60 |

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|-----------|---------------------------------|---------|----------|
| April 24. | E. H. Merriam, | 109 90 | |
| | C. Reynolds, | 19 00 | |
| | F. J. Newell, | 14 80 | |
| | G. M. Donaldson, bridge timber, | 30 00 | |
| | E. Hodge, | 9 10 | |
| | B. Battles, | 4 80 | |
| | A. Donaldson, | 16 40 | |
| | A. Howard, | 9 00 | |
| | F. Crocker, | 7 40 | |
| | G. Bean, | 3 60 | |
| | F. C. Wood, | 3 60 | |
| | A. H. Proctor, | 25 20 | |
| | C. Williams, | 12 00 | |
| | E. C. Prescott, | 2 00 | |
| | J. Smith, | 2 40 | |
| | F. C. Bates, scraper repairs, | 12 60 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$281 80 |
| May 29. | A. Howard, | \$10 80 | |
| | F. Newell, | 26 40 | |
| | E. Bean, | 5 40 | |
| | F. Carter, | 10 80 | |
| | A. H. Proctor, | 19 00 | |
| | F. Ranold, | 10 00 | |
| | W. Percy, repairing tools, | 6 50 | |
| | E. H. Merriam, | 60 00 | |
| | C. Parker, | 5 00 | |
| | F. A. Curtis, | 2 00 | |
| | W. Bean, | 14 40 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$170 30 |
| June 26. | F. Newell, | 2 40 | |
| | E. Bean, | 1 80 | |
| | C. Prescott, | 6 00 | |
| | E. H. Merriam, bridge plank, | 105 00 | |
| | A. H. Proctor, | 3 00 | |
| | W. H. Lues, bridge timber, | 15 00 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$133 20 |

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|-----------|-----------------------------------|---------|----------|
| July 1. | F. Newell, | 6 20 | |
| | C. Reynolds, | 3 60 | |
| | J. Smith, | 9 50 | |
| | L. Reynolds, | 4 60 | |
| | Fitchburg Hardware Co., tools, | 6 30 | |
| | A. H. Proctor, | 7 20 | |
| | E. C. Prescott, | 2 50 | |
| | | | |
| | | | \$39 90 |
| Aug. | C. Hodge, | \$1 80 | |
| | E. Collins, | 3 60 | |
| | A. Donaldson, | 14 40 | |
| | F. Newell, | 7 60 | |
| | J. H. Smith, | 20 00 | |
| | P. Fagon, | 9 40 | |
| | L. Reynolds, | 9 00 | |
| | F. Collett, | 4 40 | |
| | A. Fagon, | 5 40 | |
| | E. H. Merriam, | 63 00 | |
| | F. P. Hartwell, | 7 20 | |
| | W. Baker, | 5 40 | |
| | E. Prescott, | 1 60 | |
| | A. Howard, | 3 80 | |
| | E. H. Merriam, planks and spikes, | 8 96 | |
| | W. H. Hartwell, | 10 20 | |
| | A. H. Proctor, | 16 40 | |
| | C. Reynolds, | 6 80 | |
| | | | |
| | | | \$198 96 |
| Sept. 25. | A. Fagon, | \$1 80 | |
| | J. H. Smith, | 4 50 | |
| | F. Newell, | 5 40 | |
| | L. Ranold, | 7 20 | |
| | A. H. Proctor, | 5 00 | |
| | W. Baker, | 3 80 | |
| | | | |
| | | | \$27 70 |
| Oct. 30. | L. Raynolds, | \$11 80 | |
| | F. Collett, | 9 00 | |
| | C. Raynolds, | 1 80 | |

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|----------|--------------------------------|--------|------------|
| | J. H. Smith, | 29 50 | |
| | B. Beard, | 1 80 | |
| | E. H. Merriam, | 16 00 | |
| | A. H. Proctor, | 8 80 | |
| | W. Lewes, | 4 00 | |
| | E. H. Merriam, bridge plank, | 3 80 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$86 50 |
| Nov. 27. | J. H. Smith, | \$4 50 | |
| | E. H. Merriam, | 2 50 | |
| | L. Raynolds, | 1 80 | |
| | A. H. Proctor, | 10 80 | |
| | E. Matson, | 4 00 | |
| | C. Raynolds, | 1 80 | |
| | F. C. Hartwell, | 9 00 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$34 40 |
| Dec. 31. | La Fortune, maintaining water- | | |
| | ing tub, | \$6 00 | |
| | F. Newell, | 1 80 | |
| | F. S. Parks, | 1 80 | |
| | C. Matson, | 2 40 | |
| | A. H. Proctor, | 1 80 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$13 80 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| | Total, | | \$1,046 16 |

Examined and approved Jan. 22, 1916.

F. E. MILLER,
F. W. MOSSMAN,
Auditors.

A. H. Proctor

OPENING ROADS

| | | |
|----------|-----------------|--------|
| Dec. 31. | E. C. Prescott, | \$9 00 |
| | F. Newell, | 3 20 |
| | B. Beard, | 2 40 |

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|----------------|-------|---------|
| W. H. Laws, | 3 40 | |
| C. Matson, | 4 00 | |
| J. H. Smith, | 18 00 | |
| A. Fagon, | 1 20 | |
| L. Raynolds, | 6 00 | |
| E. H. Merriam, | 18 00 | |
| J. Smith, | 1 20 | |
| A. Merriam, | 12 75 | |
| E. Vewig, | 1 00 | |
| S. Parker, | 6 00 | |
| A. Donaldson, | 4 00 | |
| N. Morfett, | 1 80 | |
| D. Davis, | 3 20 | |
| A. H. Proctor, | 6 40 | |
| | <hr/> | \$97 55 |

Approved Jan. 22, 1916.

F. E. MILLER,
F. W. MOSSMAN,
Auditors.

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

The sum of two hundred dollars was appropriated by the Town at the annual March meeting for the use of the Tree Warden. \$25.00 of the appropriation was used for cleaning up and burning brush that was cut the previous year; the remainder of the appropriation was used for cutting and piling brush that was cut to the back lines of the ditches.

If it is the wish of the townspeople to have the brush cleared farther back from the ditches it will need more money appropriated for the work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. NEAL, *Tree Warden.*

Approved February 5.

F. E. MILLER,
F. W. MOSSMAN,
Auditors.

REPORTS

OF THE

School Committee

AND

Superintendent of Schools

OF THE

TOWN OF WESTMINSTER

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1915

PRESS OF
MEALS PRINTING CO.,
GARDNER, MASS.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| LUCIUS W. FRENCH, Chairman, | Term expires 1918 |
| GEORGE L. DAWLEY, Treasurer, | Term expires 1916 |
| CHARLES L. MANSUR, Secretary, | Term expires 1917 |

Regular meetings, third Monday of each school month.

Superintendent of Schools

H. C. WALDRON
16 Vine St., Leominster, Mass.

Attendance Officers

ALFRED R. DURLING
JAMES McGEE

School Physician

GEORGE MOSSMAN, M.D.

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1916-1917

High School

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Spring Term, April 2 — June 23, | 12 weeks |
| Fall Term, September 5 — December 22, | 16 weeks |
| Winter Term, January 1 — March 23, | 12 weeks |

Elementary Schools

| | |
|--|----------|
| Spring Term, April 2 — June 23, | 12 weeks |
| Fall Term, September 11 — December 15, | 14 weeks |
| Winter Term, January 1 — March 16, | 11 weeks |

Holidays

Patriot's Day, Wednesday, April 19.
Columbus Day, Thursday, October 12.
Thanksgiving Day and the day following, Thursday and Friday,
November 23 and 24.
Washington's Birthday, Thursday, February 22.

Report of Treasurer of School Board

Expenses of Operating School Plants

JANITOR SERVICE

| | | |
|-------------------|----------|----------|
| James McGee, | \$441 00 | |
| District schools, | 57 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$498 00 |

FUEL

| | | |
|------------------------|---------|----------|
| E. H. Merriam, | \$32 00 | |
| F. N. Carpenter, | 98 00 | |
| J. C. Goodridge & Son, | 7 50 | |
| C. L. Smith, | 280 00 | |
| W. H. Waterhouse, | 20 00 | |
| Virginia Brenenstuhl, | 5 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$442 50 |

MISCELLANEOUS

| | | |
|--|---------|---------|
| Westminster Aqueduct Co., | \$50 00 | |
| Milwaukee Dustless Brush Co., | 5 00 | |
| Perry O. Holden, supplies, | 1 35 | |
| E. E. Fenno, supplies, | 1 25 | |
| H. G. Partridge & Co., stove supplies, | 2 70 | |
| B. S. Waterman, boiler inspection, | 2 00 | |
| Miller Bros., supplies, | 18 45 | |
| | <hr/> | \$80 75 |

SALARIES OF TEACHERS

| | |
|----------------------|------------|
| Lucas L. Baker, | \$900 00 |
| Mary R. Cate, | 600 00 |
| Lois Mossman, | 470 00 |
| Helen Maney, | 283 50 |
| Agnes W. Mansur, | 447 00 |
| F. Helen Peter, | 486 00 |
| Florence Willmott, | 331 50 |
| Grace Boland, | 165 00 |
| Carrie I. Estabrook, | 313 50 |
| Rose O'Connell, | 313 50 |
| Virginia Brenenstuh, | 277 50 |
| Mabelle E. Parker, | 331 50 |
| Anna E. Peeler, | 313 50 |
| Claudia Julian, | 272 50 |
| A. E. Robinson, | 63 00 |
| Perry O. Holden, | 45 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$5,613 00 |

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

| | |
|---|----------|
| School Committee, salaries, | \$80 00 |
| School Committee, other expenses, | 55 |
| Superintendent of Schools, (\$500 refunded) | 653 18 |
| Superintendent, other expenses, | 6 07 |
| Music Supervisor, | 145 00 |
| Drawing Supervisor, | 97 50 |
| Salaries of teachers, | 5,505 00 |
| Textbooks, | 184 76 |
| Stationery, supplies and miscellaneous, | 209 88 |
| Janitor service, | 498 00 |
| Fuel, | 442 50 |
| Miscellaneous expenses operating schools, | 103 50 |
| Repairs, | 1,500 55 |
| Transportation, | 1,234 25 |

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|-----------------------------|---------|------------|
| Sundries, | \$36 33 | |
| Tuition, | 186 00 | |
| Attendance Officer, | 10 00 | |
| Practical Arts instruction, | 108 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$9,651 07 |

General Expenses

SUPERINTENDENT

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|
| H. C. Waldron, | \$653 18 | |
| Other expenses, | 6 07 | |
| | <hr/> | \$659 25 |
| (\$500.00 refunded by State.) | | |

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| | | |
|-----------------|---------|---------|
| L. W. French, | \$20 00 | |
| G. L. Dawley, | 40 00 | |
| C. L. Mansur, | 20 00 | |
| Other expenses, | 55 | |
| | <hr/> | \$80 55 |

RESOURCES

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Town appropriation March, 1915, | \$7,000 00 |
| Received from sale of car tickets, | 157 30 |
| State School Fund, | 903 28 |
| High School Fund from State, | 500 00 |
| Superintendent Fund from State, | 500 00 |
| Tuition from State for State Wards, | 213 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total resources, | \$9,273 58 |

MUSIC SUPERVISOR

| | |
|-------------------|----------|
| Edith M. Griffin, | \$145 00 |
|-------------------|----------|

SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING

| | |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Jeanette M. Woolford, | \$97 50 |
|-----------------------|---------|

TEXTBOOKS

| | |
|------------|----------|
| Textbooks, | \$184 76 |
|------------|----------|

STATIONERY, SUPPLIES, AND MISCELLANEOUS

| | |
|------------------|----------|
| Amount expended, | \$209 88 |
|------------------|----------|

Maintenance of School Plants

REPAIRS

| | | |
|---|--------|----------|
| J. C. Goodridge & Son, lumber, | \$5 74 | |
| Geo. W. Barnes, repairing clock and bells, | 11 55 | |
| Fitchburg Hardware Co., paint and supplies, | 11 31 | |
| Webber Lumber Co., window sash, | 71 | |
| G. E. Haven & Co., lumber, | 29 04 | |
| L. W. French, repairing closets, | 2 55 | |
| A. E. Robinson, supplies, | 45 | |
| Rose O'Connell, cleaning schoolhouse, | 1 50 | |
| Oliver S. Upham, labor, | 13 93 | |
| C. L. Mansur, painting, | 47 17 | |
| James McGee, cleaning schoolhouses, | 20 45 | |
| Perry O. Holden, supplies, | 50 | |
| James McGee, repairs on District Schools, | 3 00 | |
| Oliver S. Upham, repairing chimney, | 2 65 | |
| | <hr/> | \$150 55 |

TRANSPORTATION

| | | |
|-------------------------------|----------|------------|
| W. J. Black, | \$370 00 | |
| E. O. Bentley, | 360 00 | |
| Martin Tofelt, | 185 50 | |
| A. E. Gates, | 42 00 | |
| Thomas Gilligan, | 33 50 | |
| Frank Brack, | 38 75 | |
| Mass. Northern St. R. R. Co., | 215 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,234 25 |

(Received for tickets resold, \$157.30.)

Miscellaneous Expenses

| | | |
|--|--------|---------|
| W. F. Neal, express, | \$7 68 | |
| Miller Bros., supplies, | 22 75 | |
| Meals Printing Co., school reports, | 6 00 | |
| F. A. Merriam, labor on grounds, | 1 50 | |
| L. W. French, express, | 1 65 | |
| B. L. Rich & Co., tuning piano, | 2 50 | |
| The Brownell Mason Co., drinking cups, | 7 00 | |
| "The Survey" (periodical), | 3 00 | |
| F. A. Merriam, trucking, | 2 00 | |
| C. L. Mansur, taking census, | 5 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$59 08 |

Enforcement of Law

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|----------------------------------|---------|
| James McGee, attendance officer, | \$10 00 |
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TUITION

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|--------------------|----------|
| City of Fitchburg, | \$186 00 |
|--------------------|----------|

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|-------------------|------------|
| Resources, | \$9,273 58 |
| Amount overdrawn, | 377 49 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$9,651 07 |

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. L. DAWLEY.

Approved Feb. 5, 1916.

F. E. MILLER,
F. W. MOSSMAN,
Auditors.

School Statistics

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|---|-------|
| Population of Westminster (Census of 1915), | 1,594 |
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School Census of September, 1915:

| | |
|---|-----|
| Number of children between 5 and 7 years of age: | |
| Boys, 20; girls, 18; total, | 38 |
| Number of children between 7 and 14 years of age: | |
| Boy, 84; girls, 77; total, | 161 |
| Number of children between 14 and 16 years of age: | |
| Boys, 25; girls, 11; total, | 36 |
| Number of illiterate minors between 16 and 21 years of age: | |
| Boys, 0; girls, 0; total, | 0 |
| <hr/> | |
| Total number of children recorded, | 235 |

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| Total enrollment for the year ending June, 1915, (not including pupils who entered from other towns in the State), | 261 |
| Average membership for the year ending June, 1915, | 241 |
| Average attendance for the year ending June, 1915, | 224 |
| Per cent of attendance for the year ending June, 1915, | 92.95 |
| Assessors' valuation (real and personal) May 1, 1915, \$999,260.00 | |
| Tax rate per \$1,000 for the year 1915, | \$21.20 |
| Total cost for schools for the year ending December 31, 1915, | \$9,651.07 |
| Total cost per pupil (based on average membership), | \$40.05 |
| Net cost for schools, or local burden for support, for the year ending December 31, 1915, (being total cost minus repairs, aid from State, income from local funds, revenue from outside sources, etc.), | \$7,226.94 |
| Net cost per pupil (based on average membership), | \$29.99 |
| Net school tax for 1915 per \$1,000 of valuation, | \$7.23 |

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| Number of different teachers employed in the public schools during the year ending December 31, 1915, (excluding substitutes), | 18 |
| Number of teachers required by the public schools (including supervisors of drawing, music and practical arts), | 16 |
| Average wages per month of female teachers, | \$42.05 |
| Average wages per month of male teachers, | \$90.00 |

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee of Westminster.

I herewith submit for your consideration my third annual report, being the twenty-sixth of this superintendency union.

It is a pleasure to record a year of faithful work and steady improvement. Changes of teachers have been few. At the close of the school year Miss Helen M. Maney of the Grammar School resigned to accept a position in the Leominster schools, and the vacancy thus caused was filled by the election of Miss Grace B. Boland of Fitchburg, a graduate of the Fitchburg Normal School.

Mr. Arthur E. Robinson, who had charge of the work in Practical Arts until the end of June, was succeeded by Mr. Perry O. Holden of Leominster. Change of organization vacated Miss Claudia L. Julian's position as assistant in the Primary School at the end of June, but she was later made teacher of the reopened North Common School. These are the only changes of the year, and constitute an unusual record.

The reopening of the North Common School was brought about because of the urgent request of some of the families living in that district, and because it would relieve to some extent the over-crowded condition of the Whitmanville school. There were, however, only nine pupils in it, and that number has been reduced to eight by the removal of one family from town. This is too small a number for a successful school, and I should recommend that it be continued only so long as seems absolutely necessary.

The problem of the North Westminster district, which has been so prominently before the town for the last year, is not an easy one. The topography of that part of the town renders direct communication with the Center extremely difficult, if not impossible. The valley roads, running between parallel ridges, all point to Fitchburg and not to Westminster. The location of the school as at present maintained on the Fitchburg-Ashburnham road is not felt to be satisfactory to the residents in the more northerly part of the town; nor, if it were transferred to their locality, would it be at all available for those who now find it convenient. I do not think that any one locality could be found where a schoolhouse would be reasonably satisfactory to all the residents of this district. I should recommend, therefore, that the present treatment of this matter by the Committee be approved and continued, viz., that the tuition of those pupils who can more easily reach a school in Fitchburg be paid there by the Town, and that a school be maintained as now in the lower part of the district. The residents of this locality are fortunate in having the services of Mrs. Virginia F. Brenenstuhl, a teacher of long experience and great ability. The arrangement whereby the school is taught by Mrs. Brenenstuhl in her own house is exceptionally advantageous to the Town, and care should be taken not to overturn it for something less desirable and more expensive.

At the opening of the term in September it was found that the membership of the Primary School was still too large for the seating capacity of the room. To save the expense of an assistant teacher it was determined to try again the plan attempted at the beginning of last year, and divide the school into two sections, the second and third grades attending in the morning and the first grade in the afternoon. Though not in all respects satisfactory, this arrangement has seemed the best that could be made, and will probably be continued for the balance of the year.

The work in Practical Arts has been continued as last year. Among the projects carried through are the erection of shelves

in the supply room, and the preparation and numbering of tin drinking cups which will be distributed among the districts in the spring for individual use. Before the work on the shelves was completed several book-cases, formerly used in the town hall, were donated to the Committee and were substituted for a portion of the contemplated shelves. The work of adjusting and placing the book-cases was all done by the boys of the practical arts classes.

The special aim of the work under Mr. Holden has been rather to secure a degree of skill in the various manual operations than to complete a large number of different projects. The results in neatness and accuracy of work have been very gratifying.

The girls of the seventh and eighth grades, during the time the boys are engaged in manual training, have continued under the direction of their teachers to apply themselves to various practical projects in sewing and dressmaking. With the assistance of Miss Maney they succeeded in raising funds for the purchase of an excellent sewing machine, of which very instructive and profitable use is being made.

The organization of the High School has been continued practically the same as last year. The work in biology and general science, under the able direction of Mr. Baker, is proving very interesting and instructive. The scientific course has been enriched by adding a class in general chemistry, which is making excellent progress. The pupils are performing many individual experiments in spite of the lack of suitable laboratory facilities.

All the instruction in science is made very practical. Wherever possible, study is made of the actual object. Seeds are germinated in the classroom, vegetable and animal forms are examined under the microscope, and specimens of all sorts are brought in for examination and study. The bearing of each scientific principle upon the affairs of everyday life is carefully pointed out and, wherever possible, illustrated.

A class in modern history has been formed for the special study of the events of the last century, and particularly with reference to their relationship to the tremendous struggle now going on in Europe.

The other departments of the school are following the usual course. The work in all is, as a whole, faithful and satisfactory.

Last spring the agent of the State Board, after inspecting the school, placed it on the list of high schools approved to admit graduates on certificate to the State Normal schools in Class A. "A high school in Class A may certificate to a State normal school any graduate" who attains a specified standing. This is the highest form of approval granted, and is a splendid testimonial to the work of the teachers and Committee in building up the school, and of the Town in its staunch support, both material and moral. But it must not be forgotten that this approval is given only from year to year, and is dependent not only upon accomplishment, but also upon evidence of continued effort for improvement. It is not to be taken, therefore, as showing that we have a perfect school, but that we have a good school and are believed to be making consistent and continuous attempts to have a better. So long as we persist in this course we shall maintain our standing; the moment we assume that we have done enough, we are likely to find ourselves no longer on the approved list.

During the year a strong effort has been made to arouse the interest of the children in securing a better attendance record. To this end a list of the schools arranged according to their percentages of attendance is posted in the different rooms each month, and the pupils are urged to do everything possible to raise the standing of their school in this list. A similar list giving the standing of the schools for the year in this regard is printed with this report. The Roll of Honor in attendance is given a separate page, and the names of those pupils who have not been absent a single day are printed in black-faced type. Good results have followed

this plan. The Lake school has reported one month of perfect attendance, and the average attendance of all the schools for the year is 2.3 per cent higher than last year.

There is no one element more important for successful scholarship than regularity and punctuality of attendance. I am well aware that the peculiarities of our climate and the character of some of our roads present serious obstacles, but determination and energy can overcome many of the difficulties. I earnestly request the co-operation of parents in our efforts to raise our standard in this regard.

I ask your careful consideration of the reports of the supervisors, school physician, and attendance officers, and the tables of school statistics, submitted herewith. In closing I wish to express my thanks for the whole-hearted support of the Committee, the faithful and effective work of the teachers, and the courtesy and consideration of parents in their relations to school work.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. WALDRON,
Superintendent of Schools.

February 1, 1916.

Report of Supervisor of Drawing.

Mr. H. C. Waldron, Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir: According to custom I submit the following report upon drawing.

The course of study in the first three grades consists of illustrative drawing, free-hand cutting and construction work in connection with the study of different nations and holidays, and making and decorating with paper, raffia and colored crayon.

The course of study in the next three grades consists of illustrative drawing, pictorial drawing, study of color, and making and decorating with construction paper, raffia and stencil cloth.

The course of study in the grammar grades consists of pictorial drawing, object drawing, working drawings, study of perspective, study of color, constructive problems and applied design in book-binding and basketry. A study of home furnishings is also included in these grades.

In the High School this year there is a small class in free-hand drawing and a large class in mechanical drawing. Color and design as applied to home furnishings is the principal topic of study in the free-hand drawing class this year. Very neat, accurate work is being accomplished in the mechanical drawing class.

Results attained have been very encouraging, and I wish to thank the Superintendent, the School Committee, and the teachers for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

JEANETTE WOOLFORD,
Supervisor of Drawing.

Report of Supervisor of Music.

Mr. H. C. Waldron, Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir: The following is a report of the work done in music in the schools.

The aim in teaching music in the public schools is to stimulate and develop the musical capacity which exists in nearly all children to the end that our people may become a nation of music lovers, a people getting joy and happiness, culture and refinement from the art which above all others is the art of the people.

The following plan is used. The pupils of the first grade are taught simple rote songs. This year I have used the "Mother Goose Melodies" for this work. With these the children have been delighted. A copy of Dann's Primer (a rote song book) has been placed in the hands of each teacher.

In the second and third grades technical work is introduced. This includes scale singing, scale writing, singing of intervals, ear training, and a little sight singing. Songs and exercises are taught by rote and by note. In the intermediate and grammar grades two, three, and four-part singing are introduced. The technical work, sight-reading and sight-singing, are so developed that when the pupils enter the High School they are able to take up chorus-singing.

The pupils of the Center School have heard much good music on the Victrola and have a keen interest and enjoyment in things musical. Ten pupils of the High School have taken the course in musical history. This course has been supplemented by the Victor records.

In April an entertainment was given with success by the pupils of the primary and intermediate grades, the proceeds of which were used for the purchase of new records.

As usual the music for graduation was furnished by the pupils of the High School. They were ably assisted by Mrs. F. A. Meriam, organist, Mrs. G. L. Dawley, pianist, and Isadore Horin, violinist.

As required, I have visited the district schools once in two weeks during the fall and spring terms, and the Center school each week during the school year.

To the Committee, Superintendent, and the teachers I extend my sincere thanks for their hearty co-operation.

Very respectfully,

EDITH M. GRIFFIN,
Music Supervisor.

February 1, 1916.

Report of Supervisor of Practical Arts

Mr. H. C. Waldron, Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir: I herewith submit my report as Supervisor of Practical Arts.

The object of the course is to develop a skill that requires the power to see quickly and correctly and to express truthfully; that is, to develop taste.

Most of the work thus far has been woodworking, although some general repairing about the school building has been done. The pupils show much interest and take hold with zeal. Much time has been taken to make the work thorough, so that the boy may have a clear idea of what he is doing before attempting something bigger.

The shelves and bookcases in the stock room are near completion. The sheathing of the boys' basement will probably be the next large undertaking.

I wish to thank all who have aided me in the work.

Respectfully submitted,

PERRY O. HOLDEN.

January 1, 1916.

Report of Medical Inspector

*H. C. Waldron,
Supt. of Schools, Westminster, Mass.*

Dear Sir:

The schools have been inspected according to law. I wish to submit the following report. The inspection was made of both pupils and buildings. I found the schoolhouses in good condition, with few exceptions which were easily remedied.

The total number of children examined was two hundred and fifty-four. Of this number forty-seven (47) were vaccinated. The number of vaccinations was large this year owing to the prevalence of chicken-pox at the time of the last inspection.

The following is the complete list of defects found:

| | |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Poor teeth, | 128 |
| Tonsils, | 31 |
| Cardiac Disease, | 8 |
| Skin Disease, | 5 |
| Eyes, | 1 |
| Ears, | 1 |
| Adenoids, | 8 |
| Pediculosis Capitis, | 1 |
| Defects of Spine, | 1 |
| Enlarged Cervical Glands, | 1 |

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. MOSSMAN,

Medical Inspector.

Westminster, Mass., January 1, 1916.

Report of Attendance Officers

Mr. H. C. Waldron, Superintendent of Schools.

Dear Sir: In accordance with custom the following report is submitted for the year 1915.

Several cases of absence have been reported and have been carefully investigated, either by calls upon the parties concerned or by inquiries of those familiar with the facts. The principal reasons for non-attendance have been found to be sickness, lack of proper clothing, or too great distance for the children to walk in bad weather. In each case an understanding has been reached and the children have resumed their attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED R. DURLING,
JAMES McGEE,
Attendance Officers.

January 1, 1916.

Roll of Honor

Pupils who have not been absent during the school year ending June, 1915:

High — **Barbara M. Fenno, Ellen E. Harrington, Leonard Roby.**

Grammar — **Harriet M. Smith.**

Intermediate — **Charles N. Fenno.**

Lake — **Anna M. Miller, Uno Mustikka, Edward H. Page, N. Ray Page.**

Minott — **Ethel Despin, Francis Despin, Ida Hakkila, Yalmer Matson.**

Whitmanville — **Doris Hromada, Ralph Wells.**

Pupils who have not been absent more than one day:

High — James Hoover, Godfrey Rowley, Ethel M. Withington.

Depot — Fritz Kajander, Wieno Kajander.

Lake — Grace G. Brigham, Joseph B. Miller, Lillian H. Page.

Minott — Edna Despin, Eli Horin.

Narrows — Charles C. Durling.

Whitmanville — Edna Hromada, Clifford Wells.

Pupils who have not been absent more than two days:

High — Helen E. Willis.

Grammar — Harriet M. Smith.

Minott — Annie Elola, Martha Hakkila.

Narrows — Marion D. Rowe.

Pupils who have not been absent more than three days:

High — George H. Clark, Robert M. Denton, Ruth L. Derby.

Grammar — Clyde N. Mansur, Rudolph Tofeldt.

Depot — Ralph Roper.

Lake — E. May Brigham.

North Westminster — Eva Marchand, Mary Wiswell.

Graduation Exercises

Nihil sine Labore

Graduating Exercises of the Westminster High School, Class of 1915, Congregational Church, Friday evening, June 18, 1915, 8 o'clock.

1. Invocation, Rev. W. C. McAllester, D. D.
2. Song — "Nightingale and Rose" Lehnert
School
3. Essay — "Charles Dickens," Blanche I. Gates
4. Essay — The Tradition of "Redemption Rock." Laurence C. Towle
5. Essay — "Edward MacDowell," His Life and Ideals, illustrated by three of his compositions Rena R. Rice
6. Recitation — "The Boy Orator of Zekato City," Richard Harding Davis
Carl A. Sargent
7. Essay — "Bacteria and their Relation to Man." Henry H. Miller
8. Song — "La Spagnola," di Chiara
Girls' Chorus
9. Address. Rev. A. D. Smith, of Milton, Mass.
10. Song — "Ave Maria," Bach-Gounod
School, assisted by
Mrs. F. A. Merriam, organist Mrs. G. L. Dawley, pianist
Isadore Horin, violinist
11. Presentation of Diplomas. Superintendent H. C. Waldron

Graduates

Blanche Isabelle Gates

*Henry Hayward Miller

Rena Rosamond Rice,

Carl Aaron Sargent

Laurence Clayton Towle

Class Colors: Purple and Orange

Class Flower: Violet

*Completed the full course in three years.

Reception at Town Hall after exercises

TEACHERS EMPLOYED IN WESTMINSTER DURING YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1915

| Name | School | Home Address | Where Educated |
|------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|--|
| Lucas Lee Baker | High | Templeton | Harvard. |
| Mary R. Cate | High | Salem | Wellesley. |
| Lois Mossman | High | Westminster | Wellesley. |
| Helen M. Maney | Grammar | Fitchburg | Fitchburg Normal. |
| Grace B. Bolland | Grammar | Fitchburg | Fitchburg Normal. |
| Mrs. Agnes W. Mansur | Intermediate | Westminster | Kimball Union Academy. . . |
| F. Helene Peter | Primary | Fitchburg | Fitchburg Normal. |
| Florence Willmott | Depot | Fitchburg | Fitchburg Normal. |
| Carrie I. Estabrook | Lake | Fitchburg | Westminster High. |
| Rose O'Connell | Minott | Gardner | Worcester Normal. |
| Mabelle E. Parker | Narrows | Fitchburg | Fitchburg Normal. |
| Claudia M. Julian | North Common | Leominster | Fitchburg Normal. |
| Mrs. Virginia F. Brenenstuhl | North Westminster | Westminster | Steubenville, O., High School and Training Class. |
| Anna E. Peeler | Whitmanville | Westminster | Princeton High. |
| Jeanette Woolford | Drawing | Fitchburg | Normal Art School. |
| Mrs. Edith M. Griffin | Music | Westminster | New England Conservatory. |
| Arthur E. Robinson | Practical Arts | Fitchburg | Fitchburg Normal. |
| Perry O. Holden | Practical Arts | Leominster | Fitchburg Normal. |

TABLE SHOWING MEMBERSHIP BY GRADES IN WESTMINSTER SCHOOLS DEC. 31, 1915

| School | I | II | III | IV | V | VI | VII | VIII | IX | X | XI | XII | Total |
|--------------------|----|----|-----|----|----|----|-----|------|----|----|----|-----|-------|
| High..... | | | | | | | | | 11 | 31 | 8 | 7 | 57 |
| Grammar | | | | 9 | 10 | 13 | 9 | 19 | | | | | 28 |
| Intermediate..... | 22 | 12 | 10 | | | | | | | | | | 32 |
| Primary | 1 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 2 | | | | | | 44 |
| Depot | 1 | 4 | 5 | 4 | | | 4 | | | | | | 18 |
| Lake..... | 3 | | 2 | 3 | 3 | | 1 | | | | | | 18 |
| Minott..... | 3 | 1 | 4 | 4 | | | | | | | | | 15 |
| Narrows | | | 2 | 4 | 2 | | 3 | | | | | | 12 |
| North Common .. | 1 | | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 8 |
| No. Westminster .. | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | | | 8 |
| Whitmanville | 5 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 4 | | 4 | | | | | | 22 |
| Totals | 36 | 26 | 32 | 26 | 21 | 20 | 24 | 20 | 11 | 31 | 8 | 7 | 262 |

RECORD OF ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR
ENDING JUNE, 1915

Arranged According to Percentages

| School | Total Enrollment | Average Membership | Average Attendance | Per Cent of Attendance | No. Cases of Tardiness | No. Cases of Dismissal |
|-----------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Minott, | 15 | 15 | 14.74 | 98.33 | 13 | 0 |
| Lake, | 17 | 15.6 | 14.87 | 98.18 | 42 | 7 |
| Intermediate, | 36 | 28.95 | 27.03 | 94.43 | 144 | 18 |
| Grammar, | 25 | 23.12 | 21.84 | 93.96 | 76 | 15 |
| Narrows, | 18 | 17.22 | 16.15 | 93.87 | 29 | 48 |
| N. Westminster, | 8 | 8.32 | 7.82 | 93.85 | 28 | 10 |
| High, | 58 | 56.05 | 52.19 | 93.47 | 388 | 51 |
| Primary, | 42 | 38.45 | 34.92 | 90.77 | 90 | 19 |
| Whitmanville, | 26 | 24.54 | 21.72 | 88.84 | 33 | 21 |
| Depot, | 16 | 14.23 | 12.58 | 88.7 | 53 | 4 |
| Totals, | 261 | 241.48 | 223.86 | 92.95 | 896 | 190 |

RECORD OF EYE AND EAR TESTS, FALL OF 1915

| School | Number Examined | Number defective in eyesight | Number defective in hearing | Number of Parents notified |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| High, | 56 | 7 | 0 | 2 |
| Grammar, | 26 | 4 | 1 | 5 |
| Intermediate, | 32 | 5 | 0 | 1 |
| Primary, | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Depot, | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lake, | 18 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Minott, | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Narrows, | 17 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| North Common, | 9 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| N. Westminster, | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Whitmanville, | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals, | 249 | 19 | 1 | 11 |

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